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Bishop Stewart At St. David's Church Supper



WESTERN MASS. EPISCOPAL BISHOP ALEX STEWART (center) attended a pot-luck supper at St. David's Episcopal Church, Feeding Hills, Saturday, March 22nd, to help observe the Easter season. At left is St. David's Reverend Len Cowan, pastor, and at right is Rev. Cowan's wife, Hallie. Advertiser News photo by R.T. McMullen.

New Emergency Vehicle For Police Dept.



AGAWAM POLICE SAFETY OFFICER AL LONGI displays the department's new safety vehicle, a 4-wheel drive Ford Bronco. Longhi already can be seen cruising the streets of Agawam in the new vehicle. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Southworth Gets OK On Bond For Buxton Purchase

by Dale Fiske
Advertiser News Municipal Writer

The Agawam Town Council met Monday, March 24th, in a special session to address the issuance by the town of an Industrial Revenue Bond for Southworth Company. The motion was unanimously approved.

The company asked for the bond in the amount of \$3 million for the purchase of the Buxton property, including 20.3 acres and a 150,000 square foot building. The bond will also cover the acquisition of certain production equipment, according to Attorney David Martel, counsel for Southworth Company.

According to state officials, interest rates for such a bond have yet to be established.

Southworth Company President John Southworth told councilors Monday, "In terms of the exact ingredients going into the bond package, we know the cost of the building is \$2.7 million. There are also fix-up costs, move-in costs, and prices of equipment that are still not determined at this time."

Southworth said he sought Industrial Revenue Bonds because "they are designed for businesses and therefore have a favorable interest rate."

The Buxton plant will house the Southworth calendar manufacturing business. Southworth said that his industry started 16 years ago with 15 employees. "We now employ 47 fulltime and 20 part-time people," he said.

Southworth had earlier planned to purchase property at the Agawam Regional Industrial Park. The WestMass Development Corporation, owners and developers of the I-Park, appeared before the Planning Board for a zone change for an additional 31 acres to accommodate Southworth.

Eleven acres, zoned Business B and owned by Richard Thomas Sr., and Richard Thomas, Jr., were scheduled to be purchased by WestMass if the zone change was approved. An additional 20 acres were to be purchased from Leonard Rising by WestMass, again, pending the zone change. Presently, this parcel is zoned A-2.

Last month, Buxton continued layoffs at the 265 Main Street plant by giving notices to 125 more workers. The leather manufacturing plant, according to company officials, could not remain solvent under present conditions. They said competitors were buying their leather goods from overseas markets and Buxton was being seiged with high production costs.

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Duplex Zone Change Before Board

by Dale Fiske
Advertiser News Municipal Writer

The Planning Board held a public hearing last Thursday evening for Valley View Associates, a development firm that proposed to build 14 duplex homes and four, four-plex dwellings on land that abuts Springfield Street, North Street, Harvard Avenue, Granger Drive, Belvidere Avenue, and Northwood Street in Feeding Hills.

The land is presently zoned Residential A. Valley View Associates is seeking a zone change to Residence B zoning for their rental units.

In his presentation to the group, David Bean, a representative for the company, said the development will incorporate the municipal sewer system and water system. He added, "There is 'adequate drainage' for the proposed 14 units, with a possible 20 duplexes and the four larger units."

Gary Shannon, member of the Planning Board, addressing Bean, commented on a couple of possible problems. He said, "Statistics show there are .85 children under 18 years of age in each duplex. This equals 56 additional school-age children that would go to Granger School. They are already very overcrowded."

He added, "The second problem area is the extra traffic on Route 57 the development would create. Route 57 is already a densely traveled, dangerous road."

Charles Calabrese, chairman of the Planning Board, reminded Bean that the street Valley View would put in can only be 500 feet. He said the street on their plans looked much longer than that. Bean replied, "We would be looking for a waiver."

The two people speaking in favor of the proposal were Ann Terrone and Ed Hines.

Among the many people speaking in opposition to Valley View Associates, were Sue Pettazzoni and Iris Copson, who are co-chairwomen of the Citizens Committee to Preserve Residential A Zoning. The committee presented a petition with 300 signatures against the zone change to the Planning Board.

The residents, who numbered over 60 at the meeting, have three major contentions against Residence B zoning they feel would exist if the development were allowed, according to Mrs. Pettazzoni.

"The present situation with Route 57 and the increased traffic would cause the safety hazard which now exists on Springfield Street to expand. Secondly, Granger Elementary School is already overcrowded. A development of this nature with the proposed amount of children that it would bring, on a very small piece of land, would result in an even more crowded situation in the school," she said.

Mrs. Pettazzoni added, "Lastly, a precarious water situation is prevalent on the proposed site. Many residents of the surrounding area already experience water problems. To disturb the water table on this property would add to the present residents' water concerns."

Also speaking in opposition to the change was Precinct 2 Councilor Dorothy Nelsen. She said, "You have heard people who live here and pay taxes. These people are concerned, and rightly so, about their kids' education. We have many problems with Route 57 and the maze of driveways that connect throughout the area and create a large problem."

She added, "We may be able to fix up Granger with a wing here and there, but in the long run, it will never work. The developer could develop that parcel with single family homes without a problem." Mrs. Nelsen also pointed out that after zoning changes, there are many other people who can take advantage of this area "that are not in keeping with what the people who live here want."

Robert Lloyd, head of Valley View Associates, spoke in rebuttal. Even though Lloyd does not live in this area of Feeding Hills, he explained that some homes create water problems and some don't.

He said, "These homes are going to be raised ranches. They sit on the ground. That will take care of the water problems."

He added, "I build respectable homes. All developments I've been involved with have been respectable." He also said to the Planning Board, "Under present zoning, there are no laws that can hold me to what I say. You have to believe me."

The Planning Board will officially send its recommendation to Town Council on this zone change next month.

Stray Dogs Again Will Be Taken By Town's Dog Officer

Stray dogs are again becoming a problem in Agawam. There have been many reports of dogs roaming free through neighborhoods and residents are complaining to the Police Department.

Dog Officer Santo DiSpirito of Southwick wishes to remind people that the local leash law will be strictly enforced. All animals are required to be on a leash or within the constraints of their owners' fenced-in yards.

If the dog officer picks up your pet, there is a \$20 claim fee - a \$15 fine and a charge of \$5 per day for room and board (until the animal is picked-up by its family). Pet owners have 10 days to claim their dogs. After that time, the animal will be put-up for adoption.

Dogs can be adopted for \$5, plus the cost of a license, if necessary. The cost of licenses vary. A male dog is \$10, but if he is neutered, the charge is \$4. A female dog is \$10. If spayed, the fee is then \$4. If stray dogs are picked-up without a license or with an expired license, there is a \$15 fine.

DiSpirito said, "I'm fussy about who I let the animals go to. I want to make sure they will get a good home."

The dog officer keeps the animals at the Congamond Kennels in Southwick. The kennels have been there since 1922. DiSpirito said he has 18 runs and can accommodate up to 30 dogs. He said the dogs have a 4' by 4' sleeping compartment and a 4' x 10' run. This spring, he said he will be adding an additional 18 runs, although an on-site inspection showed that the existing structures are in need of repair, and soon.

DiSpirito has been the town's dog officer for four years and in that time, has put only three animals to sleep.

DiSpirito said he does not take animals people no longer want or abandoned pets. There is a \$200 fine for abandoning an animal. Abuse cases and injured animals should be immediately referred to the Springfield MSPCA.

Dale Fiske

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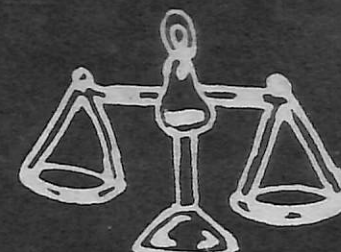
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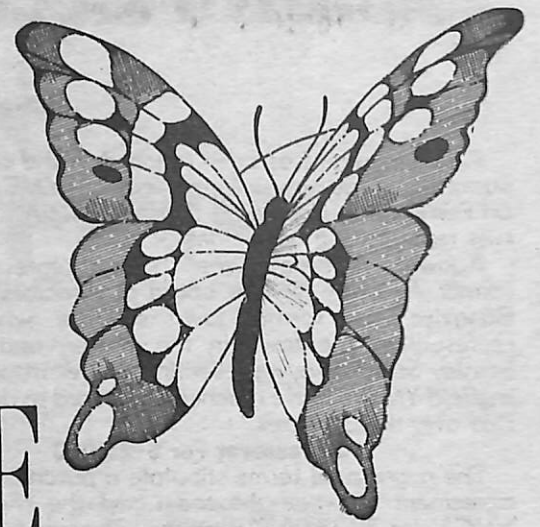
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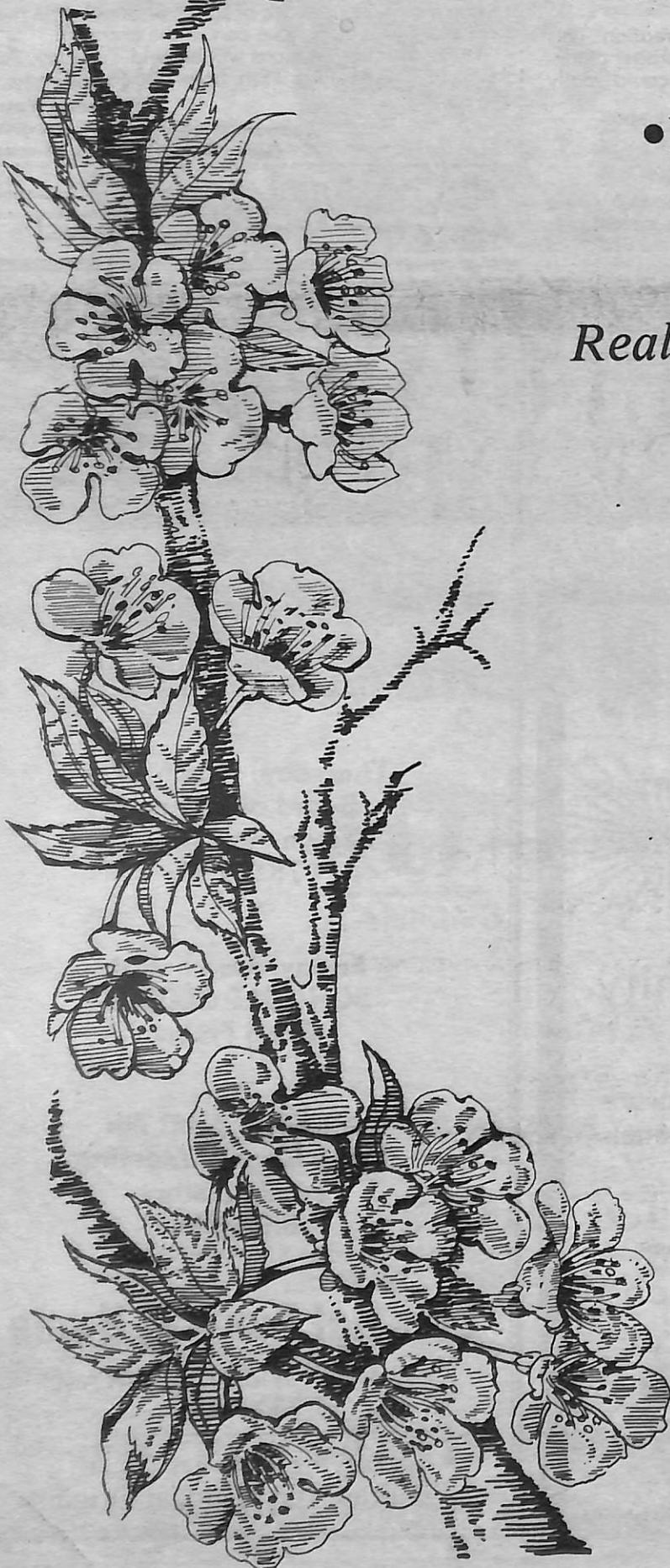
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Tentative Accord On YMCA Land

by Dale Fiske
Advertiser News Municipal Writer

An agreement has been reached in the controversy surrounding the now defunct Agawam YMCA property on Perry Lane, according to town officials and attorneys representing both sides.

Agawam Attorney Rene Thomas, representing the former Agawam YMCA board of directors; Anthony Bonavita, the former town solicitor who is still representing the town in the matter; and Attorney Stanley Szlachetta, representing the Metropolitan Springfield YMCA, have reached an accord to dissolve the flap over the 33 acres.

Agreement For \$125,000

The negotiated terms stipulate a purchase and sale agreement between the town and the Metropolitan YMCA for \$125,000; that the property be used for recreational purposes; and that if the property is sold again within 10 years for over \$125,000, 75 percent of the amount over the sale price will go to the YMCA and 25 percent will be received by the town, according to Bonavita.

In 1984, the Metropolitan YMCA completely closed the Agawam facility, claiming it was a losing proposition. After the Metropolitan YMCA notified the town it was selling the property, former Town Manager Katherine Pisano and former Town Councilor Peter Longo began negotiating with YMCA officials over the matter. Thomas said the Springfield Y's attempt to sell the land without the consent of the former Agawam Y board of directors was not possible.

At that time, the town offered \$100,000 for the property but was turned down by Y officials, who wanted to sell the property for a reported \$250,000. Enter Thomas and the old Agawam Y board of directors.

Thomas and the group immediately filed suit against the Metropolitan Y. Thomas said that title searches proved that 20 of the 33 acres were contributed to the Agawam Y by Agawam residents and landowners. Town and civic organizations held fundraising event for improvements to the existing facility, which includes buildings, tennis courts, a pavillion, and an Olympic-sized swimming pool.

"It was quite apparent that the action taken by the

Agawam Y board of directors was quite prudent," Thomas said.

The Agawam Y began in 1958, because, Thomas said, townspeople saw the need for a recreational facility such as this in the community. In 1972, the Agawam Y was transferred to the Springfield Y in a merger. The Springfield Y ran the Agawam Y until 1982 when it ceased most operations at the site because of lack of town support, according to Springfield Y officials.

Never The Intention

When filing the suit, Thomas said it was never the intention of the old Agawam Y board for the land to be used for anything but recreational use. "There was no way townspeople would have ever donated the land and helped to improve the facilities if they knew that someday the Springfield Y would close the Agawam Y and then try to sell the property," Thomas said.

The town, under Mrs. Pisano's administration, joined the suit against the Springfield Y.

The agreement negotiated by the three attorneys also calls for this law suit to be dismissed when conveyance of the property is made.

According to Bonavita, both the town and the Springfield YMCA had the property appraised. It was assessed between \$170,000 to \$225,000, depending upon the planned use of the property.

Last year, Assistant Town Solicitor Richard Morassi and Bonavita approached Town Manager Reid S. Charles to intensify the town's effort to settle the issue with the Springfield Y.

Both Thomas and Longo agreed that the present pact is in the best interest of the community. "There was a great town effort to raise funds to get the Agawam Y started and there is no question people in Agawam want that property to be used for recreation, not for other purposes," said Longo.

"The town can use the property for recreation. This facility has a lot of offer everyone. With proper planning and good management, the town could really benefit from it," added Longo.

Housing Authority Has Applications

The Agawam Housing Authority has been notified that applications will be accepted to fund elderly housing units, elderly congregate units, family housing units, and special needs handicapped housing units. The AHA is looking for elderly locations which would be within a 10-minute walk from food, variety, and drug stores and near a bus stop. Locations for family housing need not conform to these conditions as most families today have their own transportation.

Locations the AHA are interested in obtaining can be open land which would be feasible for new construction or adaptive reuse of existing buildings.

Priority funding by the state will be given to housing authorities which can obtain donated sites, and proposals from communities which donate funds such as Community Development Block Grant funds to assist with site acquisition, site preparation, or construction.

Anyone with locations who may be interested in negotiation of their property is urged to contact any of the following board members: Frank Chriscola, Jr., James J. Harkins, Rosemary Sandlin, Robert Watson, or Theodore J. Therrien. They may also call the AHA office, 786-1297.

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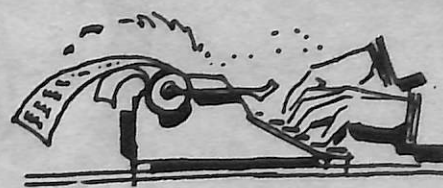
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Calling AHS Band Alumni!!!

To The Editor:

An open letter to Band and Color Guard Alumni: On Thursday evening, April 10th, the Agawam High School Band and Color Guard will present our "Pops" Concert and Alumni Reunion. It will be held at the senior high auditorium starting at 7:30 p.m. The first part of the program will present this year's concert band under the direction of Scott Thomson. Second will be the High School Jazz Band also under the direction of Thomson.

For the final of the concert, we would like to ask Alumni to join with the concert band in some numbers. The Alumni Band that appeared for last year's Bandathon was quite a success and we would like to continue this type of Alumni activity.

Also, this year for the first time, we would especially like to invite former members of color guard and baton to be a part of the reunion and even, if they wish, to take part in a special number. The invitation to attend the concert is extended even if Alumni do not wish to do a little impromptu performance; but we would like to recognize their attendance and offer the opportunity to partake of the fun of the evening.

Following the concert there will be a social in the cafeteria with snacks for sale by the Band Parents.

For band members who might like to get a look at the music, we will be using for the Alumni section of the program, there will be two Tuesday evening rehearsals of the concert band, and an invitation is extended to come to either or both of these; although this is not necessary for you to take part in the program.

These practice sessions will be held Tuesday, April 1st, and Tuesday, April 8th, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m., at the band room.

Sincerely Yours,
Agawam High Band & Colorguard
Darcy Davis, director of music

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Public Library
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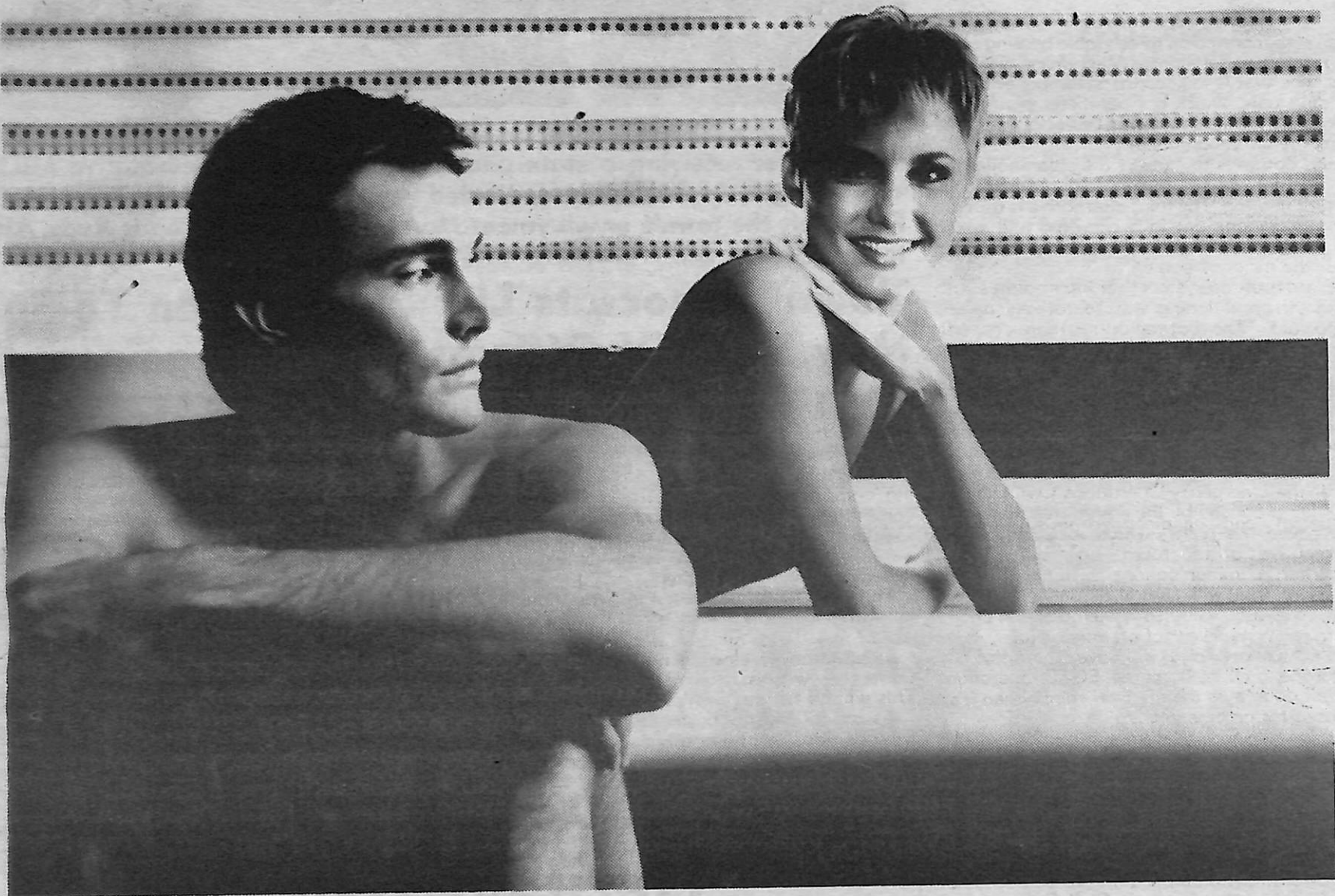
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Peirce Committee Receives Details On Energy Systems

by Dale Fiske
Advertiser News Municipal Writer

Peirce Building Committee members got down to specifics at last Wednesday night's meeting as the group approaches the final stages of planning.

Present at the meeting were Committee Vice-Chairman Anthony Saracino, Secretary Raymond Charest, Police Chief Stanley Chmielewski, Architect from Reinhardt Associates Douglas Goodman; Director of Civil Defense James Loomis; Assistant Supervisor of Building and Maintenance Tony Albro; and Town Manager Reid S. Charles.

Peirce School is tentatively slated to open as the new police station later this year.

Goodman presented committee members with detailed plans for the cooling/heating systems. Goodman said a roof-type air delivery duct system could be installed on the flat roof that will be constructed over what is now the courtyard. A duct network will service the entire building. He explained that this type of system can be controlled by individual thermostats or by zoning.

Heating Alternatives

Goodman also reported on three viable heating alternatives suggested by Reinhardt's Mechanical Engineer Ed Frydyks. The first is to keep the steamboiler that is in the building now, knock out perimeter piping, put radiator coils in the duct system, utilizing the same ductwork as the air conditioning.

The second option is to convert the steamboiler to hot water. The hot water can then be pumped to coils to provide unit heating. The third alternative is to scrap the existing boiler and put in a gas-fired unit which could work in conjunction with the roof-top unit being installed for the air conditioning.

The gas-fired roof-top system that incorporates both heating and air conditioning was tentatively agreed on. Saracino said, "The roof-top unit is more cost efficient. I don't like using the boiler. It's costing us a ton of money to keep running."

Albro commented, "The gas system seems to be the best way we can go when we look at the cost." Charest suggested that the committee talk with someone who has this type of unit and get their feedback.

Goodman also presented the committee with a revised lay-out of the Emergency Operations Civil Defense Center (EOCD), proposed by the committee last week. Loomis approved the plans, which included a civil defense executive officer room, operations room, message center, communications equipment room, and radio room that will centralize police, fire and DPW radios. This area will also have maps and charts for easy referral in the event of an emergency.

The town's Auxiliary Police will have their office and security storage area next to the EOCD operations room that will double as their muster room when it's not being used for an emergency.

Goodman questioned the committee about all the open window areas throughout the building. Loomis recommended that the windows be bricked to provide the most protection. Chmielewski said, "Brick everything in. We don't need outside lighting. Security is the most important thing."

Transmitter Needed

A radio tower (transmitter) is going to be needed at the Peirce building site for both Civil Defense and Police communications. There was much discussion on the best type of tower to have, and where it will be located on the site.

Charles suggested that the committee and police chief meet with people experienced in radio and technical aspects to find out what will be the most efficacious system.

Chmielewski said, "Our present telephone system at Town Hall is sophisticated and very efficient. It does satisfy a lot of our needs, but we need a console." Goodman said an electrical engineer should meet with Chmielewski to better understand the department's needs.

It is hoped that these groups will be meeting within the week so that by the next committee meeting the issues at hand can be resolved, said Saracino.

Training Academy To Be Named After Ed Connelly

On Friday, April 4th, a dedication ceremony will be held at the Oak Ridge Country Club in Agawam, at 11:30 a.m.

This ceremony will officially change the name of the Western Massachusetts Criminal Justice Training Center at Agawam to the "Edward W. Connelly Criminal Justice Training Center," as indicated by Chapter 366 of the Acts of the General Court of the Commonwealth for 1985.

Retired State Representative Edward W. Connelly (R) will be presented a plaque inscribed with the Chapter 366 legislation by Secretary of Public Safety Charles V. Barry.

Chiefs of police, district attorneys, sheriffs, state legislators, and friends of Edward W. Connelly from the four Western Massachusetts counties have been invited to attend the ceremony by the Massachusetts Criminal Justice Training Council.

Betty Fearn Receives State Citation...



FORMER ASSISTANT TOWN TREASURER BETTY FEARN (center) is all smiles after receiving a state citation from State Representative Michael P. Walsh (right) for her many dedicated years at the Agawam Town Hall. Mrs. Fearn left the town's employment March 19th. Looking on is Rudy Altobelli, town treasurer. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Town Democrats List New Slate Of Officers

On Wednesday, March 19th, the Agawam Democratic Town Committee met in the Community Room of the Agawam Public Library to nominate and elect officers.

William T. Walsh Jr., was chosen to replace outgoing chairman Robert Guidetti. Walsh will serve the committee as chairman for a term of two years.

Also elected to serve with Walsh in the new position were Aprille Soderman, vice chairwoman, and Rosemary Sandlin, treasurer.

The vote for a new secretary was tabled until the following meeting, which is tentatively scheduled in April.

In addition to electing new officers, a Bake Sale Committee was established to raise scholarship funds. This will be headed by Mrs. Soderman.

As a final order of business, it was announced that two positions will be opening soon on the committee for new members. Anyone interested in joining the Democratic Town Committee should write or contact Chairman Bill Walsh.

Harrington To Speak Before Agawam GOP

Edward F. Harrington, former head of the Department of Justice's Organized Crime "Strike Force" for New England who is now seeking the Republican Party's nomination for state attorney general, will be the guest speaker at the Agawam Republican monthly breakfast, Saturday, April 5th, at 8:30 a.m., at DaVinci's Restaurant, 60 North Westfield Street, Feeding Hills.

Harrington is a former U.S. attorney for Massachusetts and also served in Washington in the Justice Department's nationwide probe of labor racketeering in the early 1960s.

Andrew Campbell, chairman of the Agawam Republican Town Committee, said the Republican Town Committees of Southwick, West Springfield, and Westfield have been invited to hear Harrington. Campbell said all Republicans and interested independent voters are also welcome. The cost is \$5 per person.

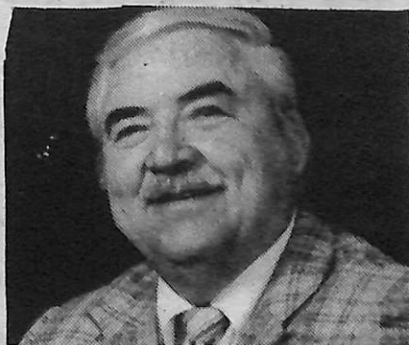
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Street Committee Puts More Streets On Council's Agenda

by Dale Fiske
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The Street Acceptance Committee of the Agawam Town Council met last week, and, according to Chairman Jack Shaughnessy, the committee hopes to get the following town streets on the council's agenda in April to be officially accepted by the town:

Barberry Lane, Beech Lane, Tamarack Lane, Tanglewood Lane, Pheasant Hill Drive, Elmar Drive - from Paul Revere to Apolona, and Pheasant Hill section of Paul Revere Drive.

Shaughnessy today said, "We've reviewed these streets and could not find anything detrimental to the use of the roads. We're checking with the Planning Board to make sure that all bonds are released and that the work is completed on schedule by the developers."

There are presently 175 unaccepted streets in Agawam on the town's books. Some of these streets are in the older residential sections of town. Homeowners own a fee in the road, meaning that they own to the center line of the street. People have to petition to have their respective street accepted by the town. Public hearings are then done on site.

More recently, developers retain the rights to the new streets. Present town ordinances state that a developer must apply for street acceptance to receive his bond back from the town.

Shaughnessy said that back in 1982, the committee held 15 hearings for street alterations for industrial-type streets. "We've been able to get residential streets before the council because the town has to first draft plans," said Shaughnessy.

"After three years of promises, we finally got a transfer on the council floor for \$4,000 to get this done. We subsequently received a budget of \$3,000 for the plans to be drafted," Shaughnessy added.

The town's Engineering Department conducts a baseline study and gives the data to an outside engineering firm for further work. Plans involve updating municipal services such as sewers, water, and drainage systems, as well as maintaining road conditions.

Last September outside engineer David Bean submitted a set of plans which needed modification, according to Shaughnessy. "No one from the town's Engineering Department has got back to Bean on this so nothing has been done on streets like Carmen Avenue, Royal Lane, Frank Street, Hardin Drive, Elmar Street, and Cecile Street," said Shaughnessy.

He added, "Streets like Frank, Royal, and Carmen are unpaved. They've been that way since the horse and buggy days. I'm hoping to get pavement on these streets so the people living on them will see it from the top and not from the bottom, looking up."

Local streets such as Hendom Drive, Elmar Drive, and Cecile Street, which were built in the 1970's, according to Shaughnessy, are beginning to show signs of wear and tear. "If we don't start doing something about the condition of these streets, we'll start losing the roadbeds," he said.

Shaughnessy said that a total of 28 streets have been forwarded to Town Manager Reid S. Charles and the DPW for review. "We are waiting for action by the manager before the final processes can be completed. If nothing is done, the number of streets will just keep increasing," Shaughnessy said.

Jon M. Steele Appointed As New MSC Manager/Postmaster

"Springfield has been designated as one of the U.S. Postal Services' new divisions, part of a systemwide reorganization that aims at putting management expertise closer to the mailing public," Postmaster General Albert V. Casey announced today.

The Postmaster General also announced that Jon M. Steele, MSC manager-postmaster, has been appointed as the new Springfield Division general manager. This division encompasses Western Massachusetts and the State of Vermont.

"In filling this important position, the Postal Services' Executive Resource Board considered the best managerial talent available in the Postal Service.

"It was a difficult task because our postal executives as a group are so highly qualified and motivated, and their experience and expertise are valued resources to the American public and the Postal Service," said Casey.

Currently, the Postal Service has four levels in its field management structure: regions, districts, sectional centers, and associate offices.

Under plans developed by Casey, the Postal Services' 74 divisions, of which Springfield is one, will now become the Postal Service's key field units. All other field offices will report to the divisions. The units known as districts will be phased out.

Casey emphasized that there will be no change in postal service due to the realignment.

Casey stated, "This is one of the first steps in a process that we believe will enable the Postal Service to become more efficient, responsive and service oriented."

Agawam Obituaries

Frederick L. Rabideau

Agawam: Frederick L. Rabideau, 80, of 77 Autumn Street, a self-employed carpenter, died Saturday, March 22nd, in Baystate Medical Center, Springfield. Born in Altona, New York, he lived in Easthampton before moving to Agawam 33 years ago. He was a communicant of St. John's the Evangelist Church. His wife, the former Annette Malinowski, died in 1978. He leaves two sons, Fred F. of Ballston Lake, New York, and Roy R. of South Hadley; two daughters, Verda Solomon and Mildred Dousette, both of Los Angeles; 12 grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren. The funeral was Thursday at Toomey-O'Brien Funeral Home with burial in St. Thomas Cemetery, both in West Springfield.

Alfred J. O'Donovan Jr.

Agawam: Alfred J. O'Donovan Jr., 82, of 418 Meadow Street, a retired sales manager for Quaker Oats Company, died Tuesday, March 18th, in Baystate Medical Center, Springfield. He worked for the company 30 years, retiring in 1964. A native of New York City, he lived in St. Croix in the Virgin Islands for 17 years before he moved here in 1982. He leaves his wife, the former Margaret Clarke; three sons, Robert J. of Connecticut, Alfred J. III of West Roxbury and Richard A. of Collegeville, Pennsylvania; two daughters, Patricia L. O'Donovan of Washington, D.C., and Judith O'Donovan-Kelly of Schenectady, New York; a sister, Eileen Conlon of Coral Gables, Florida; and 15 grandchildren. The funeral was at Colonial Funeral Home and in St. John the Evangelist Church with burial in Agawam Cemetery at the convenience of the family.

Harold D. Landers

Agawam: Harold D. Landers, 75, of 2 Beacon Hill Drive, New Port Richey, Florida, a retired machinist at the Hamilton-Standard division of United Technologies, Windsor Locks, Connecticut, died Wednesday, March 19th, at home in Florida. Born in Belchertown, he had lived in Windsor Locks, and in Agawam, before moving to Florida 12 years ago. He served in the Navy from 1921 to 1926. He was a

member of the Elm Lodge of Masons, Agawam, the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Windsor Locks, Corona Chapter of the Order of the Star, East Longmeadow, and the U.S.S. Milwaukee-Shipmates Association, Chula Vista, California. He leaves his wife, the former Edna Landers; two sons, Richard of New Port Richey, Robert of Feeding Hills, a member of the Agawam Police Department; three daughters, Jane Ford of Crystal-River, Florida, Dorothy Holcomb of West Suffield, Connecticut; and Beverly Landers of Windsor Locks; 13 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. The funeral was Saturday morning at the Colonial Funeral Home, Agawam, with burial in Agawam Center Cemetery.

Ethel L. Desmarais

Agawam: Ethel L. (Gregory) Desmarais, 83, of 85 Bridge Street, died Monday, March 24th, in Baystate Medical Center, Springfield. Born in Holyoke, she lived in Agawam most of her life. She was a communicant of St. Theresa's Church and a member of its Rosary Sodality and Ladies Guild, the Agawam Golden Age Club and the St. Ann's Society. She leaves her husband of 61 years, Emile E. Desmarais; a son, Russell E. of Hollywood, Florida; a daughter, Jean Brusseau of Agawam; a sister, Ella Therien of Agawam; and five grandchildren. The funeral was Wednesday at Toomey-O'Brien Funeral Home, West Springfield, and in the church with burial in St. Thomas Cemetery, West Springfield.

Eva M. Beaupre

Agawam: Eva M. (Trombley) Beaupre, 88, of 90 Stewart Lane, died Sunday, March 23rd, in Providence Hospital, Holyoke. Born in St. Albans, Vermont, she lived in Springfield 42 years before moving to Agawam in 1983. She was a member of St. John the Evangelist Church. Her husband, Frank Beaupre, died in 1949. She leaves two daughters, Blanche Ferric, with whom she lived, and Melba Underwood of Westfield; a sister, Flora Ellwood of St. Albans; six grandchildren; 24 great-grandchildren; and four great-great-grandchildren. The funeral was Tuesday morning at Curran-Jones Funeral Home and in the church with burial in Center Cemetery.

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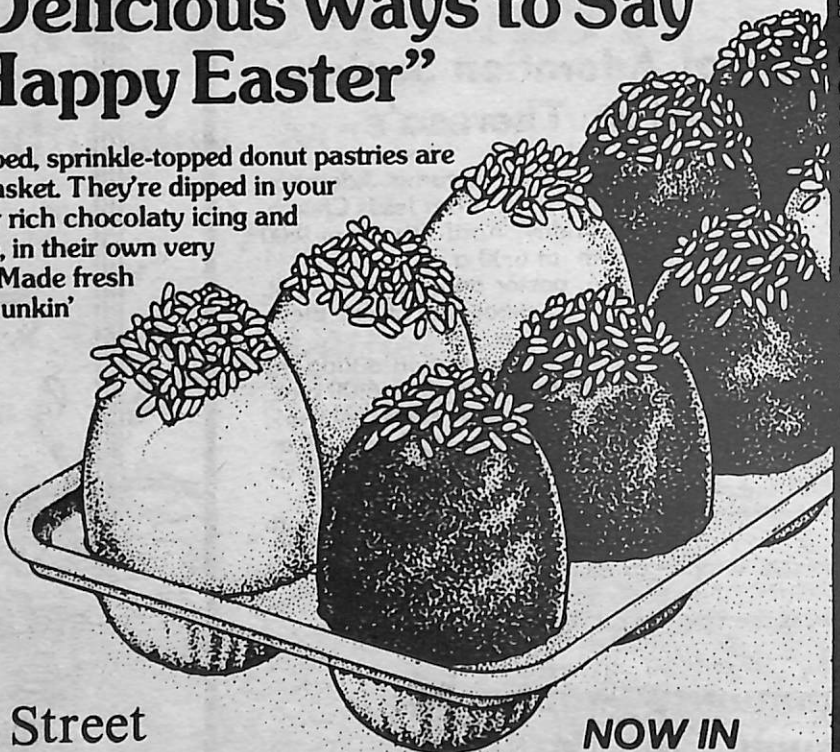
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AT THE MONDAY, MARCH 17th meeting of the Agawam Catholic Women's Club, TV Chef Joseph Tomassetti attended the meeting to prepare several dishes for the membership. From left - Carolyn Fiester, Ellie Placzek, Tomassetti, Betsy Ciempa, and Rosalie Ross. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



CHEF TOMASSETTI shows his creation to Agawam Catholic Women, from left - Ann O'Keefe, Rita Allen, and Cecile Phaneuf, at the club's March 17th meeting. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Nocturnal Adoration Society To Meet At St. Theresa's

The Agawam-West Springfield Nocturnal Adoration Society will meet at St. Theresa of Infant Jesus Church, Bridge Street, Agawam, Friday, April 4th, from 9:00 p.m. to Saturday, April 5th, at 6:00 a.m.

Father Albert E. Breton, pastor and moderator, St. Theresa, opens the event with exposition of The Blessed Sacrament at 9:00 p.m., Friday.

Members alternate periods of adoration during the nine-hour vigil, closing with Benediction at 6:00 a.m., Saturday. Alfred L. Mutti, society secretary, and Richard J. Rieker, group leader, are in charge of arrangements. Alfred Racicot is the chairman of St. Theresa's membership.

Further information may be obtained from both Father Breton and Racicot, 786-4451 or 786-5089. Membership is open to men and women, 18 years of age or older.

Services are open to all who wish to participate.

Community Grange To Resume Card Parties

Progressive whist card parties will resume after the Easter break at the Grange Home, 47 North West Street, Feeding Hills, with Ellen Kloster and Frances Fearn in charge.

These parties are held every Thursday evening, starting promptly at 7:30 p.m. All prizes are groceries and refreshments are served at no extra charge.

Inexperienced players are welcome and will soon learn from others who are regular attendants.

4-H's Horse Leader's Council Holds Annual Tack Sale

The Hampden County 4-H Horse Leader's Council will hold its Annual Tack Sale and Exchange, Saturday, April 5th, from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., at the League Building, 1499 Memorial Avenue, West Springfield.

The Tack Sale concept is designed to bring horse enthusiasts of all ages together and provide them an opportunity to buy, sell, or trade horse related items.

Table space for those interested in exhibiting items they wish to sell is available at a fee of \$5/half table and \$8/whole table. To reserve table space or for more details, contact the 4-H Office, 736-7204, or Debbie Faivre, 733-9229.

Sons Of Norway Plan Spring Dinner Dance

Sons of Norway, Neptune Lodge 552, will hold its Spring Dinner Dance and installation, Friday, April 4th, at Shaker Farms Country Club on Shaker Road, Westfield, Massachusetts.

There will be a social hour at 6:00 p.m., and dinner at 7:00 p.m., with a choice of roast sirloin of beef or baked scrod. Installation is at 8:00 p.m., and dancing will be from 9:00 p.m. to midnight to Ed Hendela's music. The tickets are \$16.50 per person and are available from Claire Guidetti, 786-5635; Egil Nilsson, 568-1874; and Roy Abrahamsen, 567-7993.

Airman Fairhurst Graduates From Air Force Course

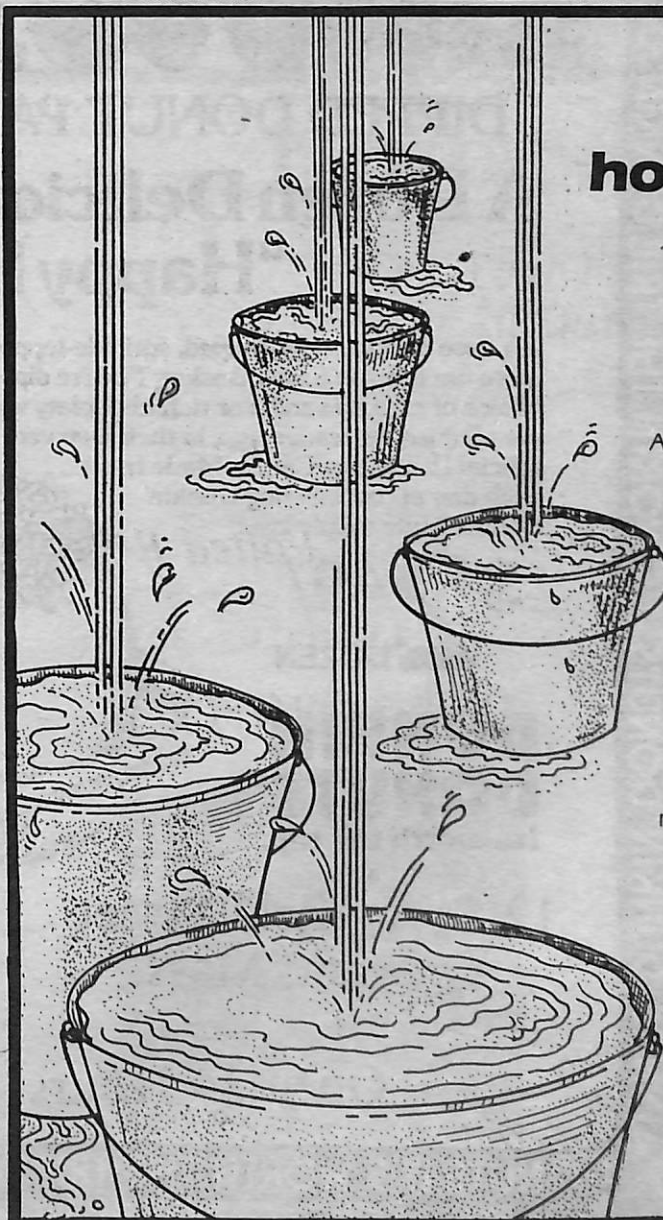
Airman 1st Class Thomas M. Fairhurst, son of Master Sergeant Alfred C. & Amelia R. Fairhurst of 6 Beekman Drive, Agawam, has graduated from the U.S. Air Force weather equipment course at Chanute Air Force Base, Illinois.

During the course, students were taught to repair and maintain electronic and mechanical weather equipment. They also earned credits toward an associate degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

He is a 1980 graduate of Frankfurt American High School, West Germany.

Agawam Congregational Ladies Hold Rummage Sale

The Ladies Aid Society of Agawam Congregational Church will hold a Rummage Sale at the church, 745 Main Street, Agawam, Friday, April 18th, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., and 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.



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Melconian Announces Elderly, Human Service Issues Addressed

Senator Linda J. Melconian (D-Springfield), Senate vice-chairwoman of the Joint Committee on Human Services and Elderly Affairs, today announced several far-reaching and critical human service issues in the Commonwealth which were addressed by this committee in 1985.

"Nineteen measures supported by members of the Human Services Committee were signed into public law," Senator Melconian pointed out, "affecting, among others, the elderly, children in need, veterans, mentally ill, and mentally retarded."

"The work of this committee is crucial to legislative policy making decisions, because 40 percent of the state's annual budget provides funding for programs and services supported by this important committee."

The following highlight a few of the Human Service Committee measures which were signed into law in 1985:

Elderly Concerns

An act providing for local control over elderly home care corporations. It requires that home care services be provided through community-based service agencies and that a majority of the members of the governing board of these agencies must be persons 60 years or older.

The Massachusetts State Legislature asked the Congress of the United States to correct the Social Security benefits disparity caused by the "Notch" Act of 1977.

When Congress changed the formula by which benefit levels were determined, it did not apply the new computation rules to persons who already were eligible for benefits.

As a result, those who turned 62 before 1979 and continued to work, received more benefits than those who turned 62 between 1979 and 1983 and continued to work.

Children

An act further regulating the reporting of certain institutional child abuse and neglect cases. This law directs the Department of Social Services to notify the Office for Children, Departments of Mental Health, Youth Services, and Public Health (in writing) when DSS has substantiated a report of abuse and neglect in a facility that is operated, funded, or subject to licensure or approval by any of these agencies.

The law also requires that these agencies minimize the number of interviews of child-victims.

Also enacted was a measure regarding drug treatment for certain children in need. This act empowers the Director of Drug Rehabilitation, upon referral to him by the Department of Social Services or the juvenile court, to determine the treatment needs of a drug dependent child.

The director is further authorized to recommend the appropriate facility to admit the child for treatment, on an in-patient or out-patient basis, for a period of up to one year. Following a consensus agreement by the court, the department, the family and child, the child he denied admission to the facility.

Veterans

An act to equalize death benefits for veterans which will help indigent veterans or family members with burial expenses. The state increased its reimbursement to cities and towns for veterans' benefits (50 to 75 percent) and added a year to the cut off date used in defining a "Viet Nam Vet."

Deaf

Creation of a separate commission for the deaf and hearing impaired. This new commission will act as the principal advocacy agency for the deaf and hard of hearing in the Commonwealth. Its focus will be on improving accessibility of existing services and promoting the development of new services when necessary.

Mental Health

An act authorizing qualified licensed psychologists to perform certain court ordered competency evaluations to determine competence to stand trial, criminal responsibility, and need for psychiatric hospitalization.

Also, an act to require the Department of Mental Health to consult with the permanent guardian of a mentally retarded person prior to a transfer to another residential facility. It also provides for an adjudicatory hearing prior to a transfer if the guardian objects to the proposed transfer.

"Anyone wishing a copy of these or any other chapters are urged to contact my office," suggested Senator Melconian.

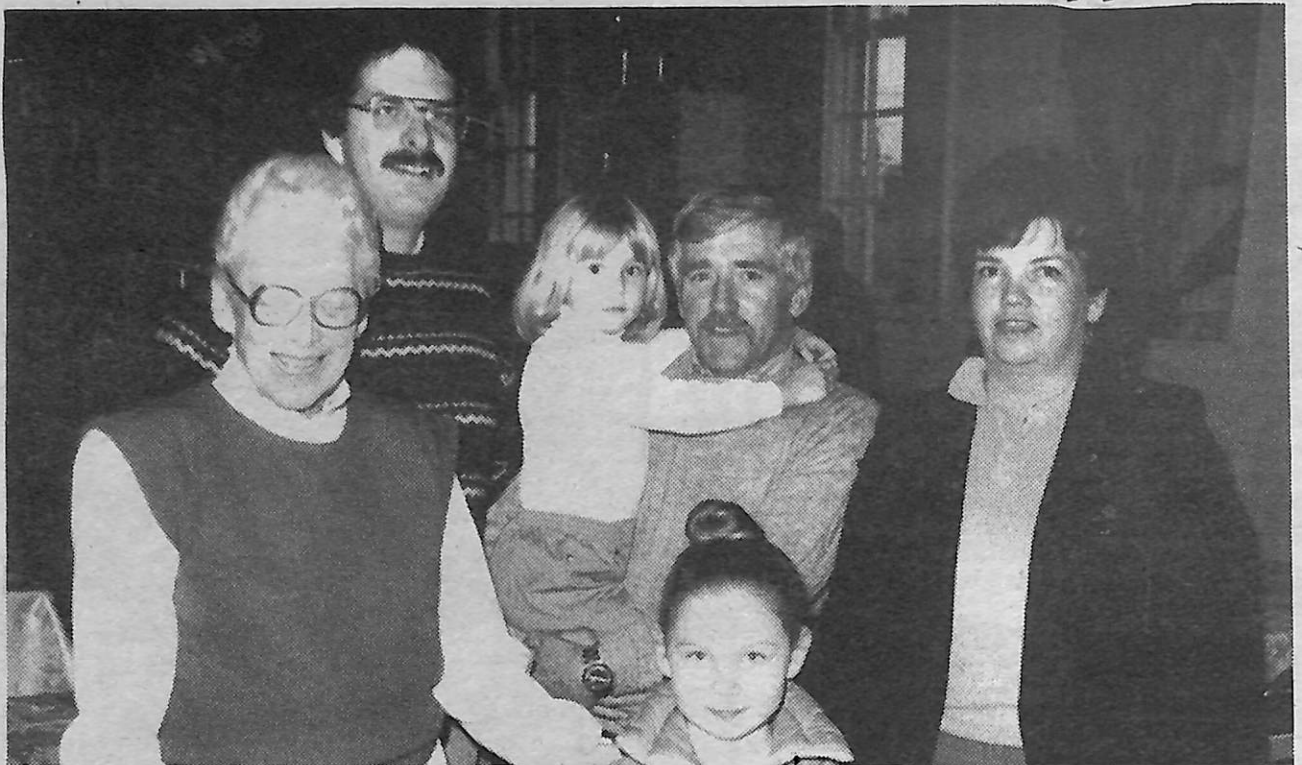
Veterans Committee Planning Town's Memorial Day

The Agawam Veterans Memorial Committee is in the process of planning the town's annual Memorial Day Observance.

Chairwoman this year is Veterans Service Director/Agent, Ruth Bitzas; Secretary/Treasurer, Dianne Moreau; and Parade Marshall, Edward Hottin of American Legion Post 185.

Again, this year Honorary Parade Marshall is World War I veteran Harold Channell.

All Smiles At St. David's Pot Luck Supper



POSING FOR A PHOTO at the Pot Luck Supper sponsored by St. David's Church, Saturday, March 22nd, are, from left - Eunice Johnson, Pat More, Ann Kelly, Vincent Callihan, Andrea Kelly, and JoAnne Kelly. Advertiser News photo by R.T. McMullen.



ABOUT TO HELP THEMSELVES to all the goodies at the St. David's Church Pot Luck Supper, Saturday, March 22nd, are, from left - Grace Oliver, Hallie Cowan, Betsy Cowan, Elizabeth Atwater, and Ann Kerr. Advertiser News photo by R.T. McMullen.

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Heritage Hall Nursing Home Activities, News, & Briefs

EDUCATIONAL:

In-Focus

Heritage Hall residents are stepping into the limelight as they pursue the new and exciting program, "In-Focus."

"In-Focus," instructed by David Freeman, a Western New England College student, will take the residents through the process of basic video preparation to the actual on-air presentation. In the future, residents hope to film their own program for home viewing.

Photography Class

As bulbs flash and shutters snap, Heritage Hall residents are realizing that basic photography can be fun and rewarding as they involve themselves in the new program, "Shutterbugs."

"Shutterbugs" is a photo club made up of Heritage Hall residents and headed by Kelli Candage, a Western New England College student.

In this club, residents will be taught the rudiments of basic photography such as equipment, shutter speeds, and actual picture composition.

The "Shutterbugs" goal includes projects such as composing a Heritage Hall family album, and hosting a photo display for Annual Nursing Home Week.

Don't be surprised if someone walks up to you and says, "Smile. You've been bitten by a 'shutterbug'."

A Stitch In Time

Residents at Heritage Hall are reviving the old art of needlepoint and giving it a modern twist as they enjoy the new program, "Needlepoint."

Shari Hill, their instructor, is teaching residents how to make useful and decorative items such as coasters, crosses, sewing boxes, plant holders, and much more.

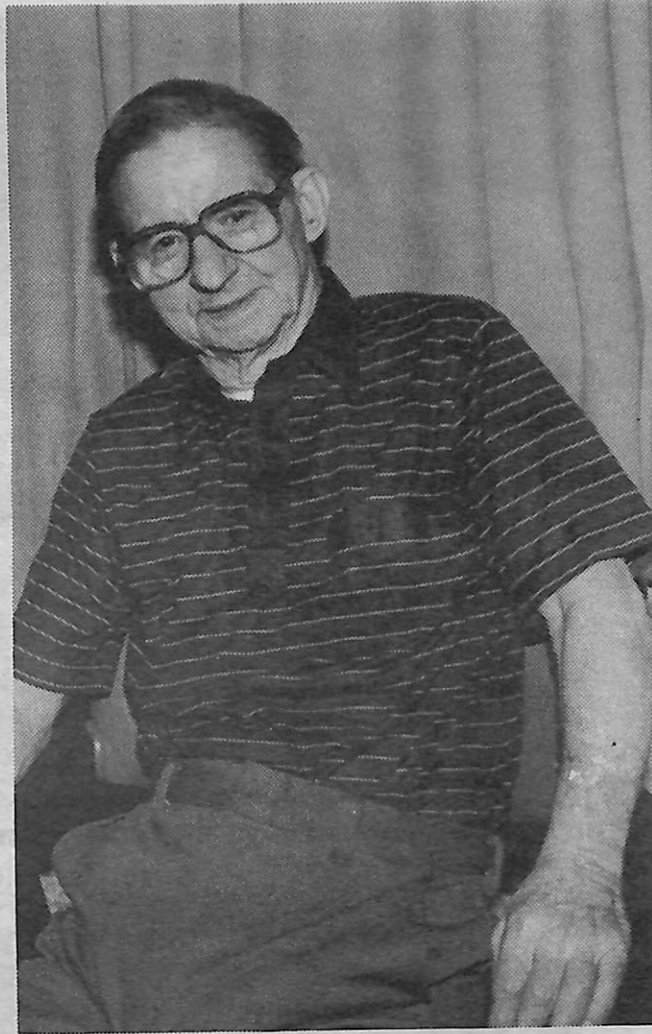
Each week, residents experience the rewarding feeling of accomplishment as they see the fruits of their labor taking form.

Card Sharks!!!

Men at Heritage Hall were treated to an afternoon of cards and refreshments as they engaged in the challenge of learning and playing new card games.

Student, John Bogace, from Western New England College, is the instructor of this new and exciting class.

The atmosphere was relaxed and congenial as residents and students alike enjoyed the company and conversation that accompanied the competitive card games.



ROBERT MCGREGOR, SR., "Resident of the Week"

Residents enjoyed this new program and look forward to John's return.

I Remember...

Occasionally, we come upon a "slice of life" we

want to share with others. Our new addition to this column, "I Remember..." are stories written by the Heritage Hall Creative Writing Class. This story is the masterpiece of resident Gladys Samson.

"I will always remember the depression days. My father was severely injured when he was a fireman and was unable to do many different kinds of work, due to this accident. I remember Papa taking my sister, Elma, and me with him many times as he went from one place to another looking for work. We would wait outside and would know by the look on his face when he came out that he did not get the job.

After taking several tests, he was given a job at the Southern New England Telephone Company on Pearl Street, Hartford, our hometown. He had odd hours, sometimes not getting home until midnight. I distinctly remember our waiting for a Thanksgiving dinner to be enjoyed by the four of us.

Mama put us to bed early so that she could awaken us when Papa got home around midnight, so we could have Thanksgiving dinner together. We loved being up late at night and enjoyed the lovely dinner Mama served.

Papa received \$15 a week. But within about a year, he got \$18. This was fabulous! In those days things were very reasonable, although we were sick of bologna and cheap things, even though they were nutritious.

After Papa worked for some time at the telephone company, he changed jobs and became a street commissioner for the State of Connecticut. This resulted in much nicer hours, more pay, and a happy family.

After his retirement, things were changed all over, which made everyone happy."

Resident of the Week, Robert McGregor, Sr.

This week's, "Resident of the Week" is Robert McGregor, Sr. Robert was born in Chicopee Falls and was educated in the Chicopee School System. He worked as an employee for Uniroyal for 35 years and had his own orchestra for twenty-five years.

A member of the Shriners, The Highlander Unit, Robert was also a Past Chief Clan Bruce OSC.

Robert has two sons, Robert, who is a warrant officer for the Massachusetts National Guard, and Richard, who works in management-quality control.

Congratulations Robert!

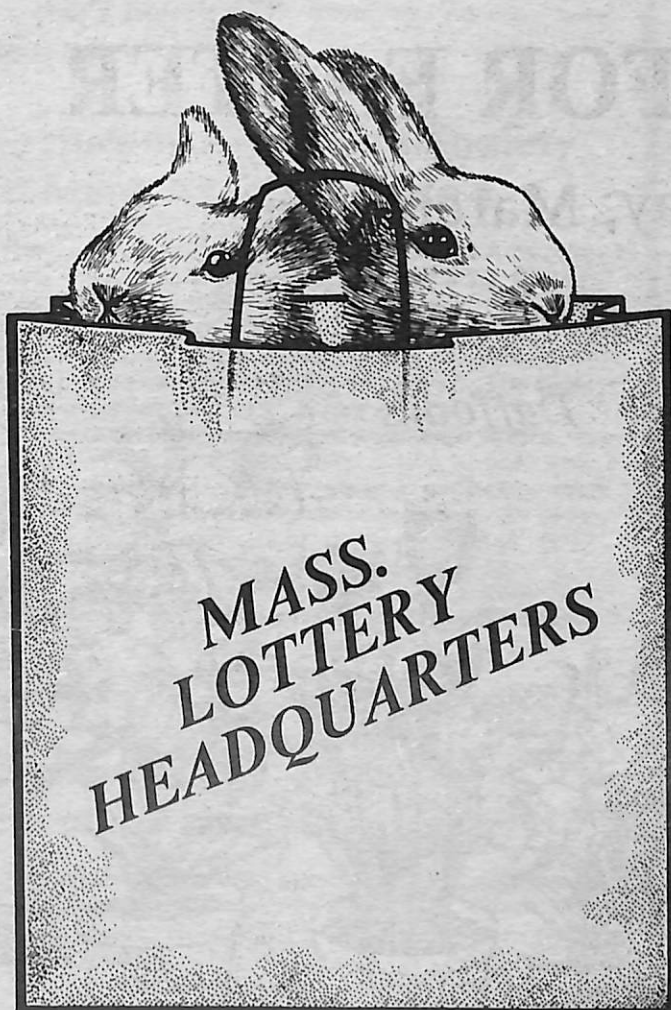
Airman Alan Mazza Graduates From USAF Course

Airman Alan A. Mazza, son of Richard A. & Susan J. Mazza of 157 Clover Hill Drive, Feeding Hills, has graduated from the U.S. Air Force security police

specialist course at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas. Graduates of the course studied systems security operations, tactics and weapons training, and earned

credits toward an associate degree in applied science through the Community College of the Air Force. He is a 1984 graduate of Agawam High School.

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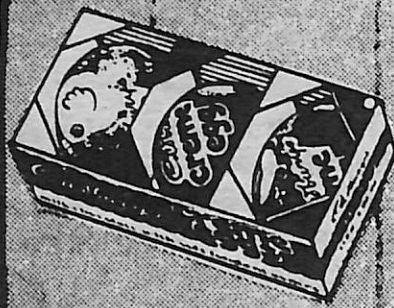


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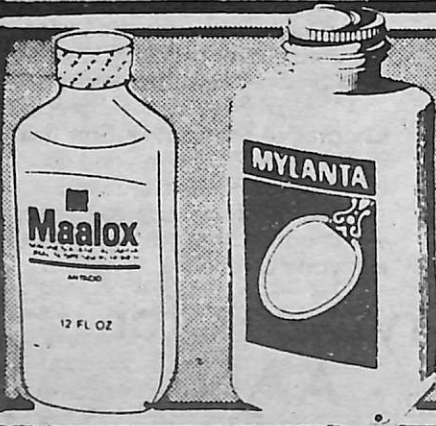
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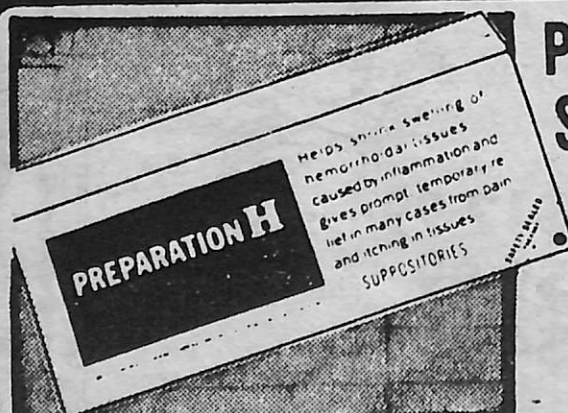
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"JAIL BIRDS," from left - Jack Kratoville, WMAS Radio; Joseph Shiel, president, Vanguard Savings Bank; and William Bunce, director of sales, Springfield Marriott Hotel, are all smiles as they "telephone for bail" at the recent Jail Bail event at Baystate West, for the American Heart Association. Overall, 24 prominent "prisoners" raised \$18,000 in pledges.

Ag. Elm Lodge To Host Lodge From Montreal

On Saturday, April 5th, Elm Lodge of Agawam will be entertaining St. Andrew's Lodge 53 of Montreal, Quebec, Canada. This will be its 14th joint meeting since these visitations were started in 1972. The events have become one of the highlights of each year.

St. Andrew's will be conferring a Master Mason Degree on one of its candidates. Because of the interest that this lodge always generates in the Masonic fraternity of the Greater Springfield area, it has become necessary to hold this meeting in the Masonic Temple, State Street, Springfield.

W. Kenneth Kimball, master of Elm Lodge, as well as his officers, will open the Lodge at 3:00 p.m., then turn the Lodge over to the officers of St. Andrew's, who will then proceed with the ceremony.

A roast beef dinner, prepared by the Springfield Chapter of the Eastern Star, will be served in the banquet hall at 7:00 p.m., and dancing will follow with big band sounds being featured.

There will be approximately 100 couples at this event and if the past is any criteria, a great time for everyone attending, is assured.

Masonic Temple April Calendar

Tuesday, April 1st: 7:15 p.m. Rehearsal of Pioneer Valley Chapter of Sweet Adelines. Also, open house - anyone just a little curious about "barbershop quartets" are more than welcome to join in the fun.

Wednesday, April 2nd: 7:30 p.m. Regular meeting of Mt. Elm Chapter of DeMolay.

Saturday, April 5th: 3:00 p.m. Elm Lodge hosting St. Andrew's Lodge 53 of Montreal, Canada at the Masonic Temple in Springfield.

Sunday, April 6th: 8:00 a.m. Breakfast for our Canadian visitors and members and friends of Elm Lodge.

Monday, April 7th: 7:30 p.m. Regular communication and conferring a Fellowcraft Degree on one candidate.

Tuesday, April 8th: 7:15 p.m. Rehearsal and "open house" of the Pioneer Valley Chapter of Sweet Adelines.

Sunday, April 13th: 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. Continuous serving, our regular Sunday Breakfast. Public invited.

Monday, April 14th: Elm Lodge will be visiting Indian Orchard. Shawmont Lodge at the Masonic Temple in Indian Orchard for their Past Masters Night.

Wednesday, April 16th: 7:30 p.m. Regular meeting of Mt. Elm Chapter of DeMolay. Also Elm Lodge officers will attend the 5th Lodge of Instruction at the Masonic Temple in Springfield.

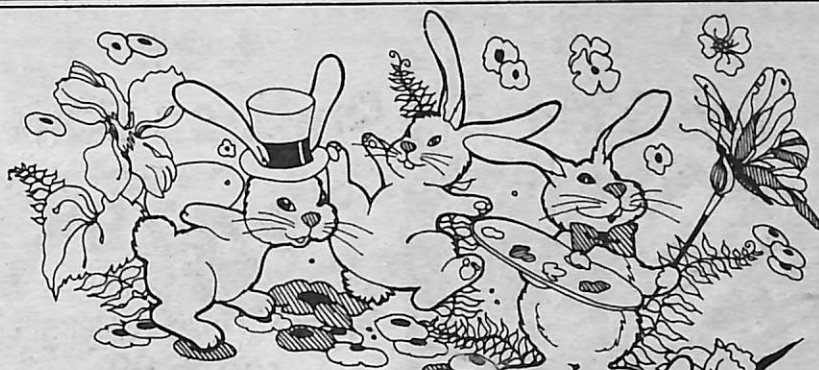
Monday, April 21st: 7:30 p.m. Elm Lodge officers will be visiting Roswell - Lee - Samuel Osgood Lodge in Springfield for their Past Masters' Night.

Tuesday, April 22nd: 7:30 p.m. Rehearsal of the Pioneer Valley Chapter of Sweet Adelines.

Monday, April 28th: 7:30 p.m. Elm Lodge Past Master Night at the Masonic Temple in Springfield with Roswell - Lee - Samuel Osgood Lodge as host. R. W. Edwin H. Carpenter, District Deputy Grandmaster for the Springfield 33rd Masonic District will be the guest of honor, will be received at 8:00 p.m. This meeting will be preceded by a Meat Pie Dinner at 6:15 p.m.

Tuesday, April 29th: 7:30 p.m. Rehearsal of the Pioneer Valley Chapter of Sweet Adelines.

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Calendar Of Events Golden Age Club

April 2nd: Chapter 2 - Installation Banquet at Shaker Farms, Westfield. Dinner at noon. Music to be furnished by Vera Conway.

April 4th: Chapter 1 - Board of Directors meeting at 1:00 p.m.

April 9th: Chapter 1 - Installation Banquet at Shaker Farms, Westfield. Dinner at noon. Music to be furnished by Vera Conway.

April 15th: Trip to Villa Baglieri in the Catskills for a dinner and show.

April 16th: Chapter 2 - Regular meeting with entertainment by the Agawam Middle School Chorale.

April 17th: Trip to White's Restaurant for dinner and a show.

April 23rd: Chapter 1 - Regular meeting with Gift Bingo.

April 25th: Chapter 2 - Board of Directors meeting at 1:00 p.m.

April 28th, 29th, 30th: Trip to Atlantic City, Caesar's Palace.

Area Promotions Benefit Easter Seals

Four area businesses sponsored promotions recently to benefit the Massachusetts Easter Seal Society's local programs and services. The Golden Nozzle car washes, an F.L. Roberts operation, donated a portion of the proceeds from all car washes and special service fees to Easter Seals from March 1st to March 8th.

This week-long promotion raised \$1,500 for Easter Seals. The Freihoffer Baking Company sponsored a special on several varieties of their breads sold in all Big Y Supermarkets and raised \$1,205.

Lonameadow Flowers' seven area stores sponsored a "2 for 1" floral bouquet promotion and raised \$300, and Regis Hairstyles at Eastfield Mall sponsored a cut-a-thon on two consecutive Sundays, raising \$462.

All of the businesses presented their contributions on the Easter Seal Telethon which was broadcast locally by WWLP-TV 22 on March 8th and 9th. More than \$301,800 was raised during the 20-hour telethon. These funds will remain in Western Massachusetts to benefit the area's Easter Seal programs and services for individuals with physical disability.

Persons interested in receiving more information on Easter Seal's programs are encouraged to call Easter Seal's Western Region Office, 734-6434.

Ag. Women's Club Meets At Leonard House



THE AGAWAM WOMEN'S CLUB held a regular meeting at the Captain Charles Leonard House, Monday, March 24th, with president Pauline Woodruff (right) presiding. Also in photo are officers Karen Douglass, recording secretary (left) and Jessie Fuller, vice president. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Annual Bike-Hike-Jog For Life Set For May 3

The Springfield Association of Life Underwriters (S.A.L.U.), a non-profit organization, is again sponsoring the 9th Annual Bike-Hike-Jog for Life and Breath to benefit the American Lung Association of Western Massachusetts. This special event will be held on Saturday, May 3rd, at Longmeadow High School.

Biking, hiking, and jogging enthusiasts of all ages are urged to show their support of healthy lungs and clean air by participating. Participants are asked to raise pledges and will be able to earn prizes ranging from gift certificates to Cape Cod weekends for two.

All participants will receive free gifts and refreshments courtesy of McDonald's and the Lung Association. Steiger's is providing special mini-flashlights for all pledges over \$25. There will also be a

special category and trophy for team competition.

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To help "insure" good weather, local celebrity meteorologist Paul Sutton from TV Channel 40 and John Quill from TV Channel 22 will appear at the event to lend their support and kick-off the event.

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Let's Talk Travel

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Fugazy Travel



The Island Of St. Lucia

St. Lucia, in the Caribbean, is in the chain of islands called the "Lesser Antilles." For several years the island was ruled by Britain, but its constitutional status changed in 1979 and the island became an independent nation.

Although the island's main economy is agriculture, tourism plays a dramatic role and is the fastest growing industry.

The temperature ranges in the 80's year-round. Winter is dry, sunny, and not too hot. July is the wettest month.

Flying time from New York is five hours. U.S. citizens need proof of citizenship.

Electricity is 220 volts, 50 cycles AC.

St. Lucia is a scenically beautiful island with picturesque harbors, white sandy beaches, clear blue skies, vast banana plantations, and volcanic peaks.

I stayed at "Couples," which is an all-inclusive resort. It was a relaxing "sun"-filled week.

One of the activities the island has to offer is a one-day sail on a "Buccaneer Cruise." Our "pirate" crew took us along the 27 mile coastline until we reached the towering twin peaks of the "Piton" Mountains.

We docked in Soufriere, and were shuttled up the hillside and driven into an inactive volcano — which looked active to me with its bubbling hot sulphur springs.

We had lunch at the Dasheene Resort restaurant. The view was spectacular as the resort is tucked into a hillside, 1,000 feet over the Caribbean, face to face with St. Lucia's most famous natural landmarks — the Pitons — two half-mile high volcanic peaks that rise side-by-side out of the sea.

The villas at Dasheene have no wall on the western side, which means when you stand in your living room, the fourth wall is your view — and what a view!!

The swimming pool lies in a beautifully landscaped niche between the villas and the outdoor bar, on the edge of a cliff, giving the impression that you could dive in one end and fly out the other. In *Superman II*, Superman flies past the Pitons to the Dasheene pool to pluck a flower for Lois Lane's dinner tray.

I'd like to stay there some day. On the cruise back, we dropped anchor in a deserted cove and passengers could swing off the boat on a rope and drop into the sea. I climbed down the ladder. One passenger walked the plank — prodded by a pirate's sword. It was a great day.

One of the aspects of travel that I enjoy is meeting and talking to people from other parts of the world. On my trip to St. Lucia, I was able to see what image was projected by the U.S. as Grenada had been invaded the previous week. I was very happy to hear the positive comments from the many Europeans and Canadians vacationing on the island. I'm sure my stay wouldn't have been as enjoyable if the atmosphere had been anti-American.

The British owners of "Couples", who were at the yacht club when the announcement was made of the invasion, said a cheer went up in gratitude and relief as there was a great deal of concern about the Cuban military build-up in the Caribbean.

Our return flight included a stop in Barbados, which was being used as a military base by the U.S. The dramatic scene at the airport made us fully aware of what was taking place. Machine gun-armed marines stood behind bunkers at the edge of the runway, and about 500 yards from our aircraft, we witnessed Cuban prisoners being escorted one at a time from a U.S. plane to a Cuban plane. I can do without that variety of sightseeing.

If I can be of assistance or if you have any questions, call me at Fugazy Travel, 461 Sumner Avenue, Springfield, Massachusetts, 732-3153.

JOTS FROM JULIE:

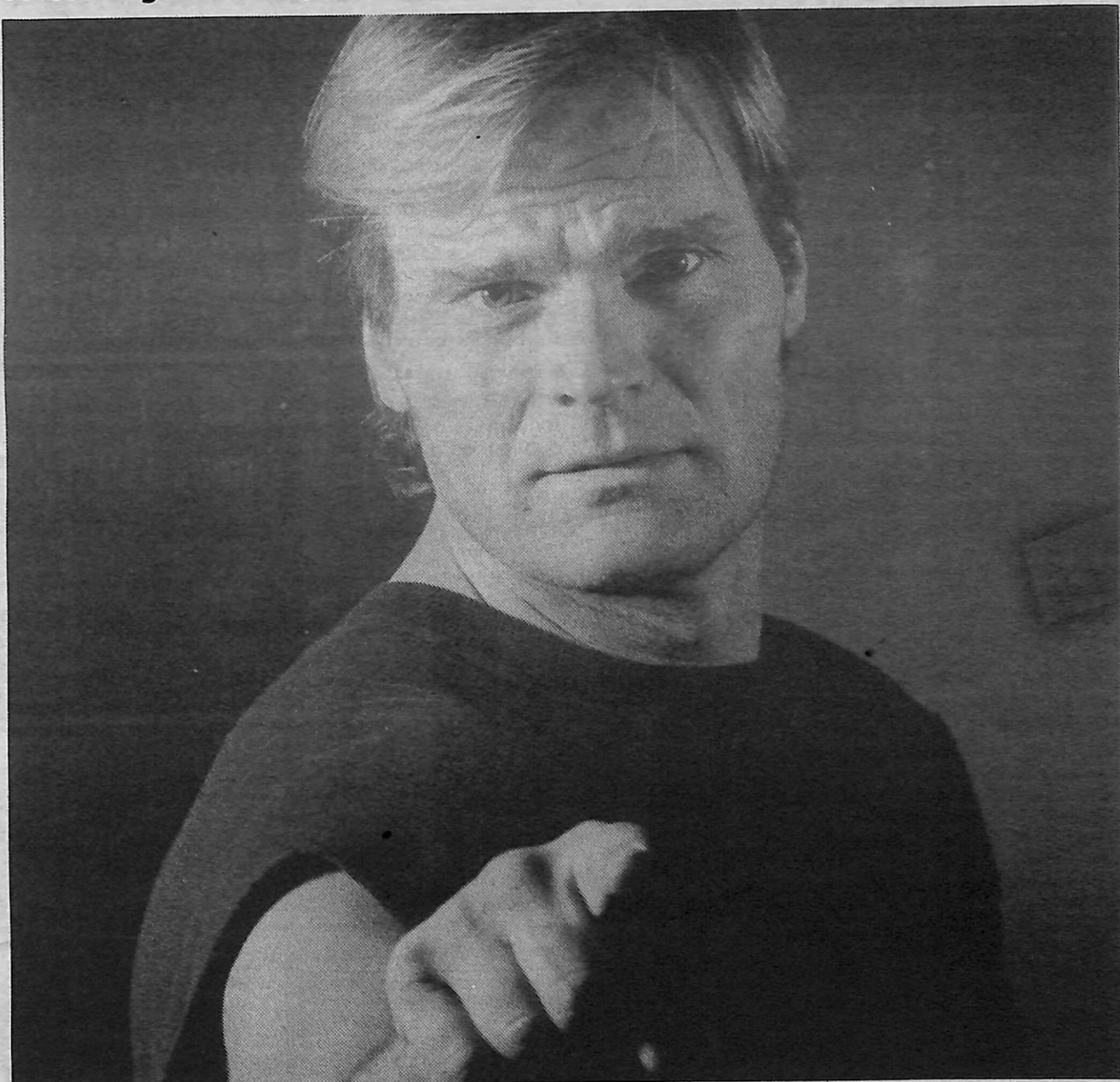
Mike Martin, owner of Fugazy Travel, has his bags packed and is ready to take off for Dallas to see the "Big 4"? "Last 4"? "Final 4"? I think it has something to do with **Basketball!**

For glossy copies of photos appearing in this edition, please call Jack Devine at his home, 789-0053. If Jack is out, please leave a message.

Historical Society Meets At Town Hall



MEMBERS OF THE AGAWAM HISTORICAL SOCIETY held a meeting at the Agawam Town Hall, Wednesday, March 19th, to discuss plans for several spring events sponsored by the society. Pictured, from left - Bruce Sokolowski, Alice Draghetti Smith, Ruth Zucco, and Marilyn Curry. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



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Agawam Senior News

For Beginners - Golf Or Tennis?

Spring is here. It's time to think "outdoors." Are you interested in joining a beginner's golf class? A beginner's tennis class? If you are, please contact the activity director at the Senior Center. Stop in or call 786-0400, extension 242.

Postponed: The Water Exercise Class scheduled to start March 31st has been postponed. Too few students could participate at this time and it will be too near to the closing of the indoor pool to reschedule for this spring. Notice will be given when the next program is available.

Thank You, Seniors, from the Christian Coalition of Churches of Agawam for your generous response, both with food and cash. Treasurer Ruth Zucco announces that three boxes of food were collected at the center, plus \$63.50 in cash to purchase hams. Easter baskets are being distributed to 13 needy Agawam families by the CCC of Agawam.

12:30 Programs at the Senior Center

Tuesday, April 1st: A "surprise program" by members of the Drama Club.

Friday, April 11th: Meeting of "Friends of Agawam Senior Center."

Thursday, April 17th and April 24th: Special slide show in two parts. Pictures taken and prepared for presentation by Activities Director Sandra Smith, covering Senior Center events, classes, special programs, bazaar, parties, and trips, will be presented. Don't miss these programs. They provide an interesting review of senior activities.

Beta Sigma Phi Sorority

Monday, April 28th at 7:30 p.m., members of Beta Sigma Phi Sorority will entertain at the Senior Center. All Agawam seniors are invited for the program on "Fashions" and to enjoy the sorority's famous refreshments. The program is free. Mark your calendar now so you won't forget.

Thursday, May 22nd - Mystic Seaport Trip. Coffee and Danish at Olde Mystic Village Meetinghouse. Visit Mystic Village shops and attractions until noon. Lunch at Flood Tide Restaurant. In the afternoon, tour and show at Mystic Marineland Aquarium. It's all for \$30 per person. Bus pickup at Country View, 7:30 a.m., at Senior Center, 7:45 a.m. Reservations open at the ticket booth, daily, 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Reservations close April 11th.

Summertime Classes: If you have a special interest you would like to pursue during the summer, let the activities director know your wishes (now) so they may be considered in the planning.

"Hatha Yoga"

A new six-week summer course already arranged will be called "Hatha Yoga." This is Yoga with a professional instructor, specifically designed for seniors. Applications for the course are available at the director's office. Times will be announced.

"Stay-Well" Clinic - April 7th and 21st: 10:00 to 11:30 a.m., at the center. This is a new and free service offered by a nurse volunteer to Agawam residents 60 and over. It offers medical counseling, evaluation, blood pressure screening, etc. Take advantage of this service on the first and third Mondays of the month. For more details, call Ginny Hennessey, 786-0400, extension 242.

Dates to mark on your calendar: **July 30th** - Gloucester trip; **August 12th to 13th** - Castle-in-the-Clouds and Lake Winnepesaukee; and **September 10th** - New York and Statue of Liberty.

A few tickets are left for the Unico Supper at the Senior Center on April 3rd. Two sittings: 5:00 and 6:00 p.m. Free tickets at the Housing Authority Office

LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF AGAWAM Board Of Appeals

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeals will give a hearing at Administration Annex Building, Agawam, THURSDAY, APRIL 10, 1986 at 8:00 p.m. o'clock, to all parties interested in the appeal of THOMAS RUSSO JR. who is seeking relief from Section 20 Paragraph 21 (b) of the Zoning Ordinances to allow the addition of a second housekeeping unit at the premises identified as 204 SUF-FIELD STREET.

By order of the Board of Appeals
Theodore A. Progulski
Chairman
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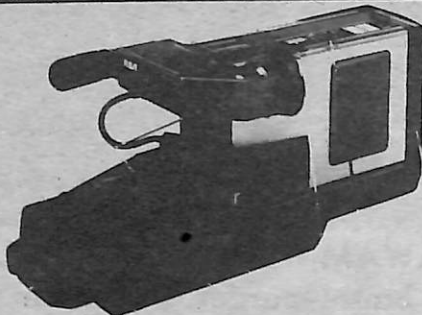
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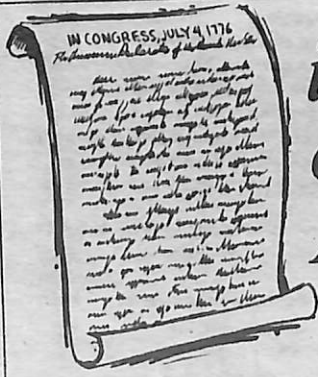
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Murder At The Ag. Bridge
 Publisher's Note: In Part II of a three-part series, local historians Marilyn & Dick Curry recreate the murder of Joseph Levett by his friend, Joseph Loomis.

The Story Unveils

In speaking of the history of Agawam Bridge, Edith LaFrancis truly accounts for the fact that the old wooden structure did indeed pay witness to many tales of a spine-tingling nature: "Disaster struck more than once in the form of flood, fire, and even murder."

And how many other strange but personal tales might be told by the weary traveler who crossed the covered span of the Agawam River during its long lifetime? Perhaps, we shall never know, yet the following tale is in writing and so recorded within the pages of our town history.

"Since 1881, the covered bridge had been known as the scene of a tragedy — the murder of Joseph Levett by Joseph Loomis. Neither lived in Agawam. According to news accounts, the two were 'friends.'"

Levett owned a confectionary store in Springfield. Loomis had come in during the evening (after some time spent in the liquor emporiums along the way) and Levett hired a buggy to take Loomis at least partway home to Southwick."

At this point in our story, we would to interject the fact that even today, the distance from Springfield to Southwick is better than a "crow's sense of mileage," even when flying. We can only imagine that in the year 1881, and particularly at night time, the said distance would have seemed magnanimous to say the least! But the story continues:

"On the bridge, Loomis drew a pistol, shot and killed Levett. Newspapers suggested that the motive was robbery and that Loomis was planning to elope the next day and was desperate for money. Sources closer to the family say the two were rivals rather than friends, both being interested in the same woman in Feeding Hills. (Thus the tale of woe reveals a local relationship)."

"The family was well-off financially. Loomis was convicted of murder in the first degree and hanged in Hampden County Jail, March 8th, 1883."

The Story In The Eyes Of The Reporter

Although the newspaper account of the murder is complete in every morbid detail, it does substantiate any question of doubt as to what actually happened on that fateful evening when Joseph B. Loomis shot and killed his friend, Joseph Levett of Springfield. The reporter's name is not given; however, he unquestionably was among the number of reporters allowed to witness the execution.

According to the *Springfield Weekly Republican*, dated March 9th, 1883, the story entitled: "The Execution of Loomis," reads like an account of some western

THE AGAWAM-WEST SPRINGFIELD BRIDGE, as pictured today, was the scene of a brutal murder, December 1st, 1881. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

hanging! In an effort not to misinterpret matters, we have presented the story, word for word (as best we could), as Loomis revealed his confession to the authorities. Herein is the tale of the murder...

"Loomis' Confession"

Joseph B. Loomis, who murdered Joseph Levett while they were riding together through the Agawam covered bridge on the evening of December 1st, 1881, has made at least three confessions - one verbal and incomplete, to some of his friends when they visited him

at the jail about two weeks ago; another, written and detailed, to his lawyers Wednesday morning; and a third, also written, to Reverend Charles E. Simmons of Worcester Wednesday afternoon.

In one of these, he claims that the crime was unpremeditated — that he never thought of killing his friend until the two were riding along together and a sudden impulse seized him.

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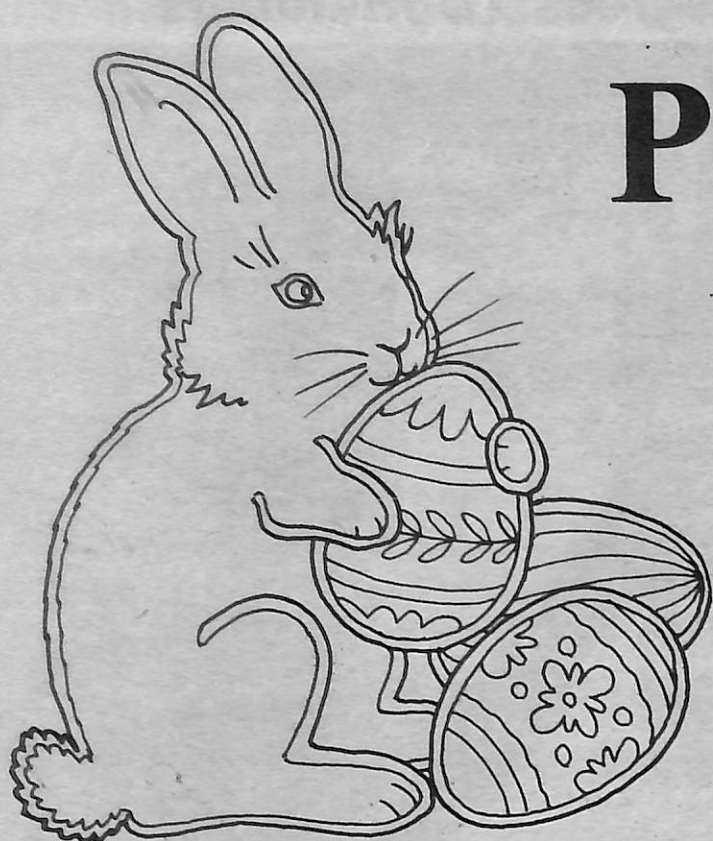
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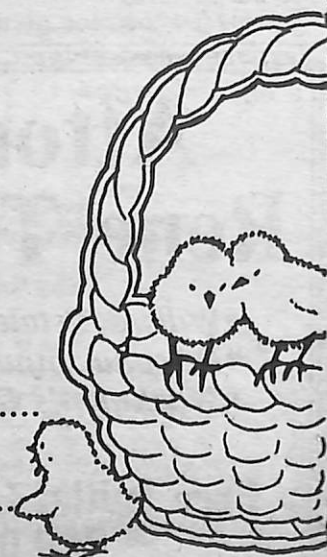
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Community Grange Confers Degrees To Members



ATTENDING THE MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY GRANGE in Feeding Hills, Tuesday, March 18th, were Grange officials, from left - Ells Bostwick, master; Virginia Smith, Flora of Massachusetts State Grange; and Frederick Smith, overseer. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



LONGTIME COMMUNITY GRANGE MEMBER Muriel Thayer, treasurer, with new member Barbara Pronovost at the Tuesday, March 18th meeting. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Preparations Underway For Ag. CROP Walk

Preparations for the Fifth Annual Agawam CROP Walk for the Hungry are underway. The CROP Walk is scheduled for April 13th. Registration for walk participants began March 16th. Walkers may gather sponsors for their effort upon receiving sponsor records from local recruiters.

The CROP Walk has become an annual event in the Town of Agawam and is a means by which individuals or groups unite in the cause of worldwide hunger relief. Funds raised by the walk also benefit impoverished areas where materials, technical support, and education can help alleviate food shortages.

Walkers sign-up for the event and obtain sponsors who will donate a set amount of money for each kilometer walked. This year, as in the past years, the walk course will be 10 kilometers in length.

The CROP Walk in Agawam has netted over \$20,000 in the past four years, with last year's walk bringing in over \$8,000. Last year was the best year ever and sets the stage for a 1986 goal of \$20,000. Money raised is turned over to Church World Services and the Springfield Open Pantry.

Church World Services has an outstanding record for aiding those in need and distributes 95 percent or more of all funds raised in the form of development programs and food supplies for the needy and famine victims. The Springfield Open Pantry provides meals on a local basis.

Seventy-five percent of the money raised by the

Agawam CROP Walk is turned over to Church World Services, with the remaining 25 percent given to the Springfield Open Pantry for local use.

For more information on this local celebration, please contact Warren Barr, 787-9353, during the day, or 786-5310, nights or weekends, or Jeff Newbrough, 786-2013, evenings.

LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF AGAWAM

You are hereby notified that a public hearing will be held at the Agawam Public Library, in the Town of Agawam, MA, at 7:30 p.m., Monday, April 7th, 1986, upon petition of Western Mass. Electric Company, dated March 18th, 1986 for permission to: placed buried cables, place UG conduit & manholes, and erect a line of poles with wires & fixtures, in ways or parts of ways designated in said petition, along which designated route of line you are an owner of real estate as determined by the last preceding assessment for taxation. Dated this 25th day of March 1986.

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Ceremonies At The Community Grange



CONDUCTING THE MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY GRANGE in Feeding Hills, Tuesday, March 18th, was Overseer Pauline Provost (center). Also at the podium were Elsie Johnson, assistant steward, and Ruth Allen, acting lady assistant steward. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

MURDER AT THE AGAWAM BRIDGE - From Page 16...

In another, he acknowledges that he was roused to murder by accidentally catching sight of Levett's money while in the latter's store the day of the murder. He says he induced his victim to close his store on the fatal evening and hire a carriage to take him a few miles toward Southwick, claiming great anxiety to reach home that night.

They were to go by way of Agawam and Feeding Hills. When near the covered bridge spanning the Agawam River, about two miles from Springfield, Loomis prepared himself for the horrible crime.

Pretending to be cold, he took the horse blanket from under the seat and threw it over his shoulders. Then he quietly drew his pistol, one of the kind known as "The Terror."

The horse was going at full speed. As the carriage rattled through the wooden bridge, the murderer placed his weapon to his companion's head and fired the fatal bullet into his brain. The horse bucked violently after the shot. Wrapping the blanket more closely about himself to keep off the blood, Loomis seized the reins from the murdered man's stiffening grasp, drove on some distance toward Feeding Hills, turned into the woods, and hitched the horse.

Levett uttered only a moan after being shot and would have fallen forward had he not been caught by Loomis, who pushed him back and put up the carriage top.

While the blood was flowing from the death wound,

the murderer hastily robbed his victim of a gold watch and roll of bills which were loose in his left pantaloons pocket. Leaving the horse securely tied (as he supposed), he threw the blanket over the animal, took the overshoes from his own feet, walked away a short distance, and then went down to the river bank where footprints were found the next day.

The search was made for his revolver by authorities. Loomis threw the weapon far out into the stream and returned to the road where he put on his overshoes.

From this place, he walked through the midnight darkness and cold to Westfield and two miles beyond toward West Parish, near where his brother lived. He did not let his relatives know of his presence, however, he changed his mind about getting rid of the most damaging evidence of his guilt - the watch and chain. In doing so, he sealed his own awful fate.

Selecting as best he could in the darkness a spot he would be readily able to find again, he carefully wrapped the valuables in one of his handkerchiefs. Placing the package in his glove, he hid it in the heap of brush where, four months later, it was discovered by a woman and proved the strongest evidence in aiding his conviction.

In another confession, Loomis says he placed the watch, handkerchief, and glove near the west bar post, just beyond Sidney Birge's house, and threw a second pistol which he had in his possession into a neighboring graveyard.

Ag. United Methodist Easter Calendar

Mundy Thursday: We will again observe Holy Thursday, March 27th, with an adapted fourth century office of the church, including the celebration of the Holy Communion. This solemn observance is known as the Office of Tenebrae.

It will be led by the pastor and 12 "Disciples" in a simple service during which the sanctuary is reduced to the darkness which symbolized the state of the world between Christ's dying on the cross and resurrection. It will begin at 7:30 p.m.

Good Friday: The Good Friday Service will be at the Agawam Baptist Church, Friday, March 28th, at 7:30 p.m., with Agawam United Methodist participating.

Easter Sunrise Service: It will be at the Valley Community Church, at 6:00 a.m.

Easter Breakfast: This will follow the sunrise service and will be held at the Agawam United Methodist Church, at 6:45 a.m. Price is \$2.50 for adults and children 12 and under, \$1.25.

Easter Celebration of Resurrection: Easter Sunday, at 9:30 a.m. Service of Anthems, Hymns, and Celebration of Christ's rising from the dead.



Returning to Westfield, he arrived there just as the saloons were opening. His first move was to get a drink. Most of the time from then until his arrest 12 hours later was spent in barrooms.

During the morning, he hid in the water-closet of Fowler's saloon, where young Lane and Sheldon found a day or two after, a roll of bills amounting to \$175, being the greater portion of what he took from Levett's pockets. He also purchased a few articles of wearing apparel; paid one or two trifling bills; and after getting shaved, called to see Nettie Stevens in regard to their going away to be married the following morning. Between 5:00 and 6:00 p.m., he was taken into custody by Officer Minor, the Westfield chief of police.

He expressed regret that his friends should have kept him from confessing before, and said he did not see how they could have wished him to die with a lie on his lips. Speaking of his past life, Loomis said that rum had robbed him of home, happiness, and life.

So ends the true account of a murder that took place within our boundary over 100 years ago. Thanks to the marvels of modern technology, we were able to trace the newspaper story to the main branch of the Springfield Library, thereby making the necessary photocopy of the yellow aged page containing the *Republican's* account of the murder and final moments of Loomis' life.

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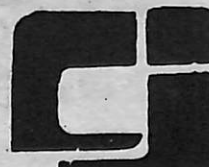
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Friday & Saturday, April 4th & 5th
Nocturnal Adoration Society
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Lori Jean Hauser Engaged To Stanley Martin Lusnia Jr.

Mr. & Mrs. John C. Hauser of Agawam announce the engagement of their daughter, Lori Jean Hauser, to Stanley Martin Lusnia, Jr., son of Mr. & Mrs. Stanley Lusnia, Rogers Avenue, West Springfield.

The bride-elect graduated from Agawam High School and Mansfield Beauty School, and is employed at Glemby's in Springfield Steiger's.

Mr. Lusnia graduated from West Springfield High School and is employed at Martin Construction Company.

A November 7th, 1987 wedding is planned.

MONEY SENSE

by Charles Alvanos
IDS-American Exp.
Financial Planner



"Planning For Retirement"

Those of us facing retirement in the next three to 10 years had best do some serious planning. Starting now. The major sources of retirement income Americans have counted on in the past may not be enough.

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Americans and Retirement: Some surprising statistics:

1. **Less than five out of 100 people** retire financially independent of outside government or family assistance.

2. **The average annual income** for people 65 or older is \$11,718.

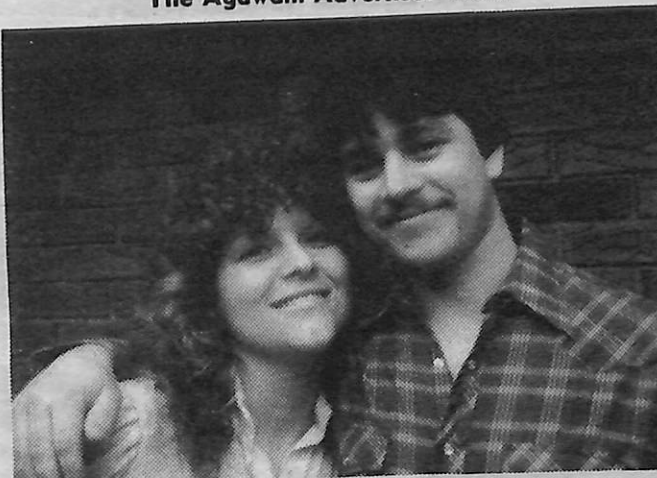
3. **The average value of savings**, checking or credit union accounts for retired couples 65 or older is a mere \$5,000.

4. **After meeting food**, housing and health care expenses, people 65 and older spend (on average) only 7 percent of their annual budget for recreation.

5. **Social Security provides** the largest share of any single income source for retirees.

6. **People who retired in January 1984**, with 15 years of service and final annual earnings of \$30,000, received on average \$4,260 from private pension plans.

For a free 30 minute consultation, call Charlie Alvanos at home, 789-0957, or business, 781-2250.



SHERYL ANN LAVALEE & KEVIN E. PARO

Sheryl Ann LaValee Engaged To Kevin E. Paro

Sheryl Ann LaValee, daughter of Richard & Hazel LaValee of 297 Brainard Road, Enfield, Connecticut, and Kevin E. Paro, son of Lawrence and Lorraine Paro of 492 North Street, Feeding Hills, announce their engagement.

Sheryl is employed at Konica Business Machine, U.S.A. Inc., Windsor, Connecticut. She is a graduate of Enrico Fermi High School.

Kevin is employed at Central Metal Products, East Windsor, Connecticut. He is a graduate of Agawam High School.

The wedding date has been set for May 16th at St. Martha's Church, Enfield. The reception will be at the Colosseum, West Springfield. They plan a honeymoon to Hawaii and will reside in Enfield.

FIRE-WISE

by Rusty Jenks
Agawam Fire Chief

Crawl Low In Smoke

Whether you are practicing your home escape plan (E.D.I.T.H.), or you are in a real fire situation, always crawl low in smoke. Most fire casualties die before flames reach them. They are the victims of superheated air, asphyxiation, and smoke and toxic gases.

Follow these important rules:

1. **Since hot air and gases rise**, the coolest and freshest air is close to the floor...so, crawl low to the floor with your head below the visible smoke layer.

2. **When there is too much smoke** to see the exit, crawl along a wall until you reach a door.

3. **Try to hold your breath intermittently** to reduce the amount of smoke inhaled.

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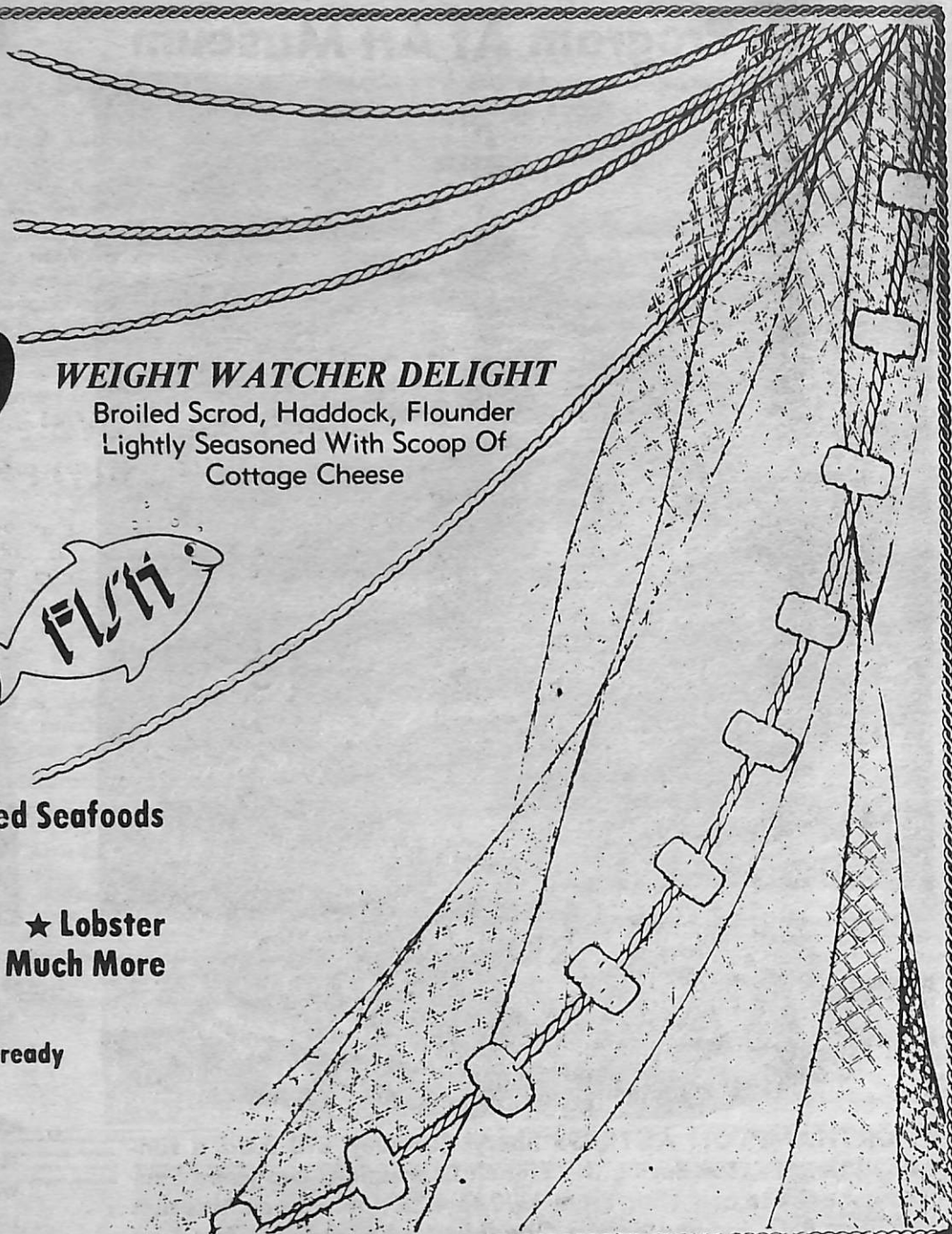
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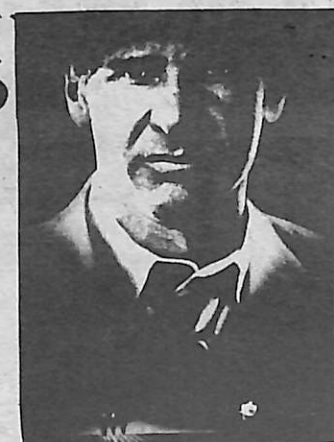
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French Program At Art Museum



NORTHAMPTON ACTRESS Sheryl Stoodley will lead a fun-filled theatre tour during the French Impressions program, Sunday, April 6th and 13th, from 1:00 to 4:30 p.m., at the Museum of Fine Arts, located on the Quadrangle, Springfield. The Sunday program is free, thanks to the Massachusetts Council on the Arts and Humanities.

Clowns, Balloons For Phyllis...

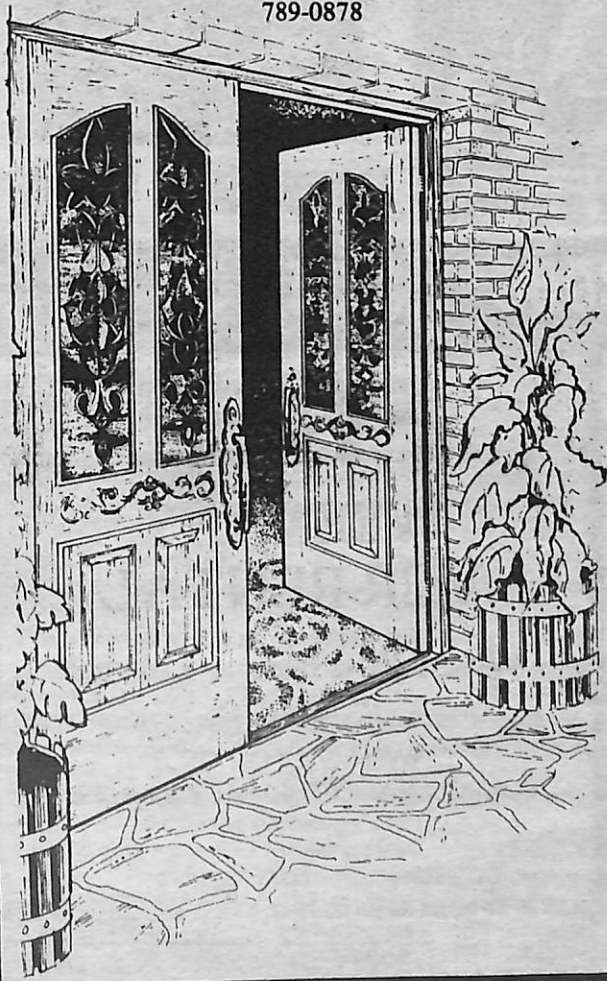


AGAWAM HOUSING AUTHORITY DIRECTOR Phyllis Mason was presented a birthday cake and balloons, courtesy of two local "clowns" at her office last Friday, March 21st. Mrs. Mason is a resident of Feeding Hills. Advertiser News photo by R.T. McMullen.

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Be Careful When Gardening

Well, Spring is finally here. Many Agawam and Feeding Hills residents have begun the arduous task of cleaning up the grounds and preparing to plant this year's garden.

There's nothing more flattering to a home than a well-kept yard, well-trimmed shrubs, and well-tended flower beds. Likewise, a bountiful vegetable garden is most flattering to its owner and a good pastime...sometimes. Unfortunately, all too often it is painful for its participants.

Gardening and landscaping are great if you recognize that they are activities that produce certain body stresses; if you recognize your own physical limitations and if you do them with good sense as well as enthusiasm.

Most people hibernate all winter. Then, at the first sign of spring, try to make their lawns or gardens the most attractive on the block — all in one day. They dig, dig, dig...lift, lift, lift...bend, bend, bend. The result is ouch, ouch, OUCH! Their backs hurt, their muscles ache, and they wonder why.

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1. **Warm up your muscles** to the task you are about to start.
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 3. **Don't lift more** than you can handle.
 4. **Wear clothing** that does not restrict or confine your movements.
 5. **Wear flat comfortable shoes** that offer firm support.
 6. **Use the proper tool** for each job.
 7. **Avoid becoming over heated** or chilled.
 8. **Avoid iced drinks** when overheated.
 9. **Avoid doing your work** in an awkward position.
 10. **If you injure yourself** or have aches and pains that don't subside in a few days see a health specialist.
 11. **As a preventive measure** against disorders resulting from a strained or sprained spinal column, have periodic chiropractic spinal examinations.
- Don't let those beautiful chrysanthemums give you an ugly pain in the back.

Mental Health Committee Of Agawam UNICO To Meet

The Mental Health Committee of Agawam UNICO will meet, Wednesday, April 2nd, at 7:00 p.m., at the West Springfield-Agawam Fish & Game Club, Garden Street, Feeding Hills (upstairs room), according to committee chairman Paul V. Ferrarini, Sr.



America's first graduate school for women was at Bryn Mawr College in Pennsylvania, which opened in 1885.

Medical Personnel Pool Moves Town Office

Medical Personnel Pool of Springfield, Inc., the largest and one of the oldest proprietary nursing services in the area, has moved from Agawam to new, larger offices in Springfield's South Commons redevelopment project at 959 Main Street.

"We're going to miss Agawam, but Medical Pool's continuing growth requires additional space and a more central location," said Linda Schoenborn, president of the 12 year-old agency.

The company provides registered nurses, licensed practical nurses, physical and speech therapists, nurse's aides, home health aides, homemakers, and companion aides for patients in private homes, hospitals, and nursing homes. It also provides temporary staff relief to area hospitals and nursing homes.

"Since our beginnings in 1974, Medical Pool has served not only Agawam but all the towns and cities of the Pioneer Valley. Rest assured we shall continue to do so. Our office location has changed, but our service has not," Mrs. Schoenborn added.

Medical Personnel Pool began in a one-room office on Bridge Street in Springfield in 1974, with two employees. Today, the office staff numbers 19, including seven Registered Nurses and five service coordinators. In the field, Medical Pool employs 600 RNs, LPNs, and aides annually.

The firm became certified in 1982 to provide

Medicare and Medicaid services, and opened an office in Northampton in July 1984 in order to meet the growing demand for quality nursing services. The agency currently serves Hampden, Hampshire, and Franklin counties.

"We've increased our staff by more than 10 percent in the past year," said William Schoenborn, Linda's husband and a vice president of the local franchise Personnel Pool of America. "Our new space will give us some breathing room and allow for additional growth," he added.

The Schoenborns are Agawam residents. Mrs. Schoenborn joined the firm in 1978 as a part-time bookkeeper. She had previously attended Mt. Wachusett Regional College, and in the years that followed, she participated in several managerial and health care seminars and conferences.

By 1980, she was made administrative assistant, and in 1981 was named administrator, assuming full responsibility for the operation of the agency. Business volume doubled from 1983 to 1984, and in April 1984, she was made vice president of the corporation.

In December 1984, the Schoenborns purchased the business from its original owners, John and Sylvia Cardone, also of Agawam. The Cardones own an office and clerical temporary help business, Personnel Pool of Springfield.

LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF AGAWAM Board Of Appeals

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeals will give a hearing at Administration Annex Building, Agawam, THURSDAY, APRIL 3, 1986 at 8:00 P.M. o'clock, to all parties interested in the appeal of JOSEPH P. LOSITO who is seeking a special permit under Section 20 Paragraph 8 (g) (3) of the Zoning Ordinances to allow the removal of fill from the premises identified as rear of 595 MILL STREET.

By order of the Board of Appeals
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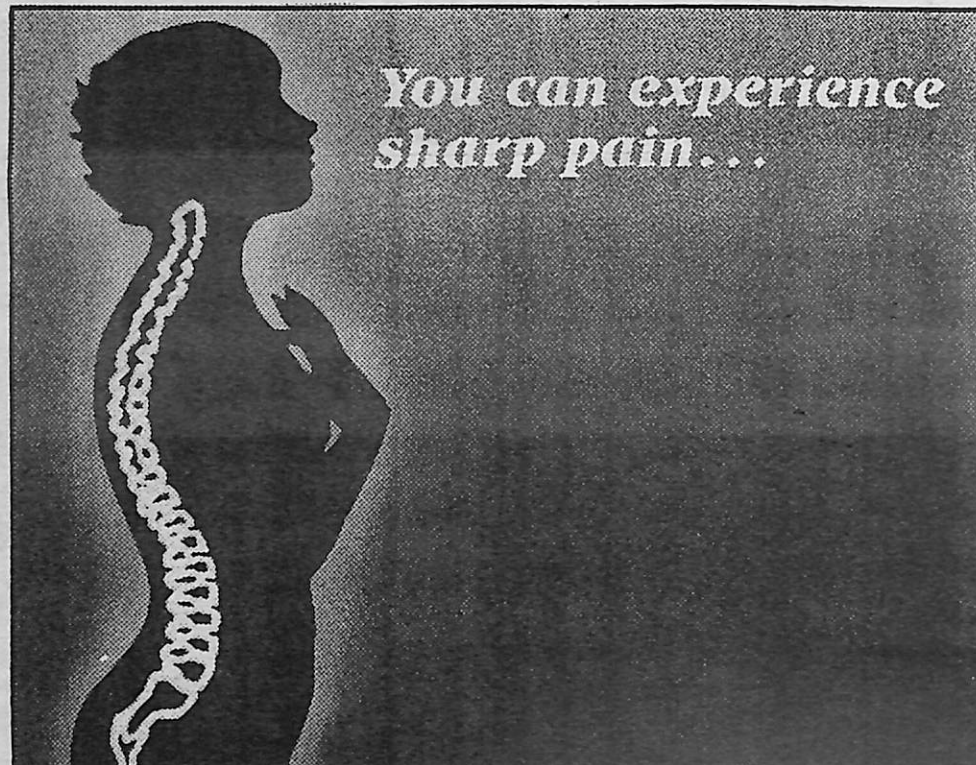
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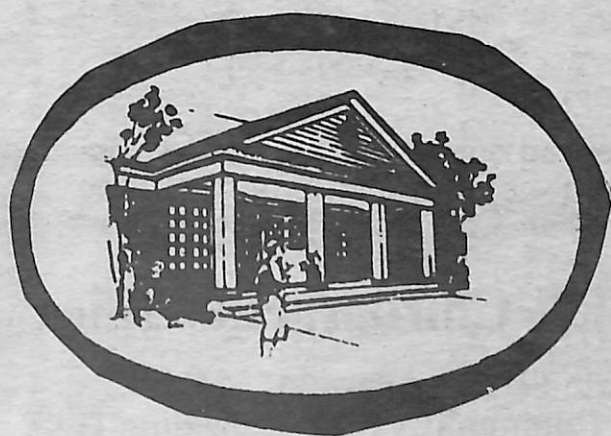


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Schools

Ancient Egypt Film Done By Puppets Seen By Robinson Pupils

by Alexis Ferioli
School Department Editor

Pyramids and mummy's were just two of the exotic subjects students in grades one to five at Robinson Park School learned about during the Poobley Greegy Puppet Theater of Boston's production of "Ancient Egypt."

The 45-minute play, which was performed Friday, March 14th, uniquely blended an historic lesson of the times with an entertaining contemporary puppet show.

Set inside Mrs. Aldrich's classroom at Belzoni Elementary School, the play's scenery included a large moving replica of the sphinx as well as a miniature pyramid.

The play's storyline follows Mrs. Aldrich's students as they attempt to find the solution to questions concerning ancient Egyptians.

The first asks if the Egyptians worshipped the sun, which is round, why did they build their pyramids in the shape of triangles?

Secondly, how did they construct these 40-story structures when each stone weighed 5,000 pounds and was four feet tall?

As the class tries to unravel these mysteries, they engaged in a series of adventures with a talking sphinx, baby crocodile, and Egyptian Pharaoh.

Some of the interesting facts imparted to audience members included: the pyramids are approximately 5,000 years-old; the crocodile was an accepted Egyptian god; mummies with gold fingertips were of nobility; and the Great Pyramid was constructed from two million stone blocks.

Moreover, the play stressed the importance of teamwork, whether building pyramids, or solving problems as a class.

The production concluded with a question and answer session between audience members and puppeters Janice & Stephen Babcock, who demonstrated the mechanics of each type of puppet used in the play.

Originated in 1974, the Poobley Greegy Puppet Theater is named after the puppet star of the Babcock's first show.

Since that time, the puppet theater has evolved into a successful performance company which specializes in presenting shows that instruct, as well as entertain elementary school children.

Besides performing, the Babcocks, who are former teachers, also make the puppets, sets, and write the scripts, as well as composing the show's accompanying music.

Although the Babcocks regularly perform for public audiences, most of their work is in schools.

They note that each production, which is timed to fit into a 45-minute class period, has a theme taken from history or classical literature and is designed to complement the elementary school curriculum.

"Our teaching background influences what we do as puppeteers. Although we want our shows to be entertaining, we are strongly committed to content," explains Mrs. Babcock.

She points out that before each school performance, teachers are provided with one-page guides (which help them prepare their classes for the performance), and include suggestions for follow-up activities.

The Babcocks also always include a demonstration of puppetry at the conclusion of each production. Students are instructed as to how each new type of puppet performs as well as how it was made. Questions from the audience are encouraged and answered as simply as possible.

Both puppeteers say that they enjoy performing for children and feel very challenged by them.

"Every audience is different and teaches us. Unlike adults, children let you know immediately how they're feeling about a show," remarks Mr. Babcock.

School Principal Barbara Skolnick reports that this is the 10th year the Poobley Greegy Puppet Theater has performed at Robinson Park School.

She notes that the Babcocks' authentic and historic research of Ancient Egypt correlates with the students' visit to the Walter Vincent Smith Museum, where they viewed the mummy Padihersef.

"The Poobley Greegy Puppet Theater is one of the finest puppetry production companies in New England. We're very happy and fortunate to have them share their talents with our students," she comments.

All the local news with us, every week - AAN

AHS Show Choir Again Wins At UNH Event



FOR THE THIRD CONSECUTIVE YEAR, the Agawam High School Show Choir won the Univeristy of New Hampshire Jazz Festival, under the direction of faculty member Steven Files. Students in photo are, back row, from left - Bob Fazio and Brian McDonald. Middle row - Wayne Perry, Vicki McCarthy, Michelle Ricco, Lisa Kozel, and Leo Boucher. Front row - Doug Lush, Linda Groom, Nora Lloyd, Cori Buoniconti, and Brian Pioggia. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

French Art, Songs, Films Focus Of Museum Program

Would you like to take your family to Paris? The trip is closer (and cheaper) than you thought! French Impressions will treat all Francophiles to a variety of French art, songs, films, pastries, and theatre tours on April 6th and 13th, from 1:00 to 4:30 p.m., at the Museum of Fine Arts, located on the Quadrangle in Springfield.

The "Something Every Sunday Programs" are free thanks to generous support from the Massachusetts Council on the Arts and Humanities, a state agency.

You can "rendez-vous" in a French cafe and have the opportunity to purchase delectable pastries. Pay a visit to two "living" artists, the medieval painter known as the Master MM, and then meet 19th-century Impressionist painter Claude Monet. Create your own masterpiece in the style of great French artists, watch a fabulous film festival, view the Museum's French collection, take a theatre tour with Northampton actress Sheryl Stoodley, and, in the midst of all this, take a seat in the auditorium from 2:00 to 3:00 p.m., to hear Josee Vachon, chanteuse (singer) from Northampton, entertain you with delightful French melodies.

Parks & Recreation Dept. Offers Pre-School Camp

The Agawam Parks & Recreation Department will once again run the Summer Pre-School Camp at Shea's Field. Camp will run from June 30th to August 14th. Two sessions will be offered - Monday and Wednesday, from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., and Tuesday and Thursday, from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. You may sign-up your child for only one session. There will be a limit of 25 children per session.

Campers must be between the ages of 3½ to 5 years and reside in Agawam. Parents must provide transportation. If it is raining at 9:00 a.m., Pre-School Camp will be cancelled for the day.

Registration will be conducted at the Agawam Parks and Recreation Office beginning Monday, April 28th to Friday, May 30th, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The registration fee of \$10 for the seven weeks is non-refundable and non-transferable.

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Karen Myers Wins \$2,000 In National Cooking Bake-Off

by Alexis Ferioli
School Department Editor

"I've never had so much fun in my whole life. I can't wait to enter the next one," is how Agawam High School home economics teacher Karen Myers describes her participation in the 32nd America's Bake-Off Contest held in Orlando, Florida, February 22nd to 25th.

Although she did not win the \$40,000 grand prize, Mrs. Myers was one of 16 contestants out of a field of 100 to win \$2,000 and a microwave oven.

Her first experience entering a national food contest, her recipe for Coffee Cream Layer Cake was entered in the cake mix category.

100 Mini-Kitchens Set Up

Mrs. Myers says on the day prior to the contest, contestants were shown into the hotel's ballroom where 100 mini-kitchens had been set-up. Each kitchenette was equipped with an electrical range, an overhead microwave oven, small counter with cabinet beneath, and a variety of cooking appliances such as mixers and blenders.

After learning how to use the range and appliances, contestants were asked to check their cabinets in order to be sure that they contained everything necessary to make their recipes.

Mrs. Myers relates that on the actual day of the contest, after being treated to a breakfast of filet mignon, contestants were led into the ballroom by Mr. & Mrs. Pillsbury, co-sponsors of the event.

Following the official "Start Your Ranges" signal, each participant was required to make two products within the 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., allotted time.

She explains that one product was for judging while the other was put on display for photographic purposes.

The home economics teacher relates that while contestants prepared their recipes, a host of newspaper reporters and photographers wandered through the ballroom asking a multitude of questions.

She notes that once their products were finished, contestants were free to leave the ballroom and enjoy free passes to Walt Disney World.

Mrs. Myers states that the only unexpected problem she encountered was due to the abundance of overhead lighting.

"I originally planned to submit my first cake for judging, however, the excessive heat from the overhead lights caused a problem with my frosting. Consequently, my second cake had to be my best," she remarks.

She has nothing but praise for the Pillsbury Company, whose organization of the event was exceptional.

"Even if a contestant didn't win a prize, they never felt less important than the top prize winners. The Pillsbury people went out of their way to make everyone feel like royalty," she comments.

Ms. Myers encourages others to enter the next America's Bake-Off which will take place in two years. According to her, all anyone needs to enter is a little bit of creativity.

Pride In Her Accomplishment

Besides her students, Mrs. Myers notes that her fellow colleagues have stated their pride in her accomplishment. Several have even tried her recipe and reported excellent results.

Moreover, her students have requested that they be allowed to make her recipe in class.

Mrs. Myers, who was accompanied to Florida by her mother, says that she was less nervous during the contest than she anticipated. She credits her calm, in part, to her daily performance as a teacher.

"I had practiced making my cake for so long that I only hoped I could do my best once I arrived in Florida. It was an experience I highly recommend to others," she declares.



AGAWAM HIGH SCHOOL JUNIORS TOM DENARDO and JAMES COOK (center) will be attending the 1986 session of American Legion Boys' State, on the campus of Bentley College, Waltham. Looking on as the two juniors receive their Boys' State certificates are AHS Principal John Morrissey (left) and Edward Hottin, past post commander of the Agawam American Legion Wilson Thompson Post 185. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Denardo, Cook Tabbed By American Legion

by Alexis Ferioli
School Department Editor

American Legion Wilson Thompson Post 185 Commander Glenn Seymour announced today that two Agawam High School students will attend the 1986 session of American Legion Boys' State.

Juniors Tom Denardo and James Cook will attend the week-long program scheduled for July 14th to 21st on the campus of Bentley College in Waltham.

Currently celebrating its 51st year, American Legion Boys' State was founded in the 1930's as a means of supplementing the high school civics curriculum.

An activity of high educational value, the program developed from the concept that youth should be offered a better perspective of government's practical operation.

Past Post Commander Edward Hottin points out that, this year, nearly 30,000 young men will attend Boys' State, bringing the total to more than one million who have graduated from the civic workshop.

A unique summertime program, Boys' State emphasizes participation and personal experience. Qualified educators and civil servants also provide in-

struction in government operation as an important part of every program.

Hottin notes that although Boys' State varies in content and method of procedure, each adheres to the basic concept of teaching state government from the township to the state level.

The program operates under a two-party system and on the basis of the governmental structure that exists within its respective state.

Each session provides instruction in the organization and function of political parties at all levels of government.

AHS Principal John Morrissey states that those students sponsored by Post 185 were selected from students who exhibited the most outstanding qualities of leadership, character, scholarship, loyalty, and service to the school.

Tom is the son of Thomas & Julia Denardo of Fernwood Drive.

Jim is the son of James & Eleanor Cook of Pineview Circle.



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AGAWAM POLICE SERGEANT Al Longhi demonstrates to Phelps School student Katie Poulos the proper way to exit from the emergency door of the school bus while Sandi Angotti looks on. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



SERGEANT AL LONGHI passes out a booklet to Clark School youngsters, from left - Angela Santanello, Justin Petrangelo, and Amy Loudfoot about distinguishing "good people from bad people." Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Memorial Comm. Has Poster, Essay Contest

The Agawam Veterans Memorial Committee's Poster and Essay Contest will be sponsored by local service organizations V.F.W. Post 1632, American Legion Post 185, and D.A.V. Chapter 55.

This year's theme will be "Why The Living Should Pay Tribute." Posters may be submitted by students of the Agawam Middle School, and Agawam Junior High students are encouraged to submit their essays.

First prize will be \$25; second, \$15; and third prize, \$10. There will also be two "honorable mentions" selected.

Winners must be present at Agawam's Memorial

Day Exercises to collect prize money. If winner is not present, that award will be presented to the next winning entry. We must emphasize that there can be no exceptions.

In order to allow ample time for the committee to select finalists, we are requesting posters and essays be ready for pick-up at the schools on May 2nd.

The Memorial Day Committee is proud of the work submitted by the boys and girls of the middle and junior high schools. Their work reflects their deep feeling for their country and those who sacrificed their lives for it.

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Wednesday, April 2nd: Spaghetti with hamburger and tomato sauce, buttered niblet corn, applesauce, buttered Italian bread, cherry jello with topping, milk.

Thursday, April 3rd: Hamburg in roll, sliced cheese, steamed rice, buttered mixed vegetables, mustard, relish, catsup, applesauce brown betty, milk.

Friday, April 4th: Oven baked fish nuggets, potato puffs with catsup, buttered broccoli, ice cream, milk.

Granger School Students Thanked For Sympathy By Space Administration

NOTE: The week of the space shuttle Challenger disaster, Mrs. DeFilipi's third grade class at Granger Elementary School wrote and mailed condolence letters to the families of the astronauts. This enabled students to sort-out their feelings and express their sympathy. The National Aeronautics and Space Administration, Washington, responded earlier this week.

Dear Friends at Granger School:

Thank-you for your kind expression of sympathy in the loss of Space Shuttle Challenger crew members Francis R. Scobee, Michael J. Smith, Judith A. Resnik, Ellison S. Onizuka, Ronald E. McNair, Gregory B. Jarvis, and S. Christa McAuliffe.

These courageous men and women will always be remembered for their exemplary lives and unselfish contributions toward the expansion of our horizons.

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"Teacher Appreciation Day" At Phelps



THE PHELPS SCHOOL PTO held its Annual Teacher Appreciation Day last week. Pictured above, from left - Barbara Guevin, Sue Jorgenson, Nancy Hellquist, Josette Bouche, and Janet Wysocki. Advertiser News photo by R.T. McMullen.



ENJOYING PUNCH ON "Teacher Appreciation Day" at Phelps School are, from left - Syliva Sullivan, Charlene Saverow, Jan Noyes, and Louis Spiro. Advertiser News photo by R.T. McMullen.

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AGAWAM VARSITY CHEERLEADERS: Back row, from left - Co-captains Gina Dialessi and Michelle Montesi, Joanne Canty, Mona LeClair, and Gina Falletti. Front, from left - Nancy Merchant, Bridget Crean, Amy White, Linda Cosby, and Jenn Brantley. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

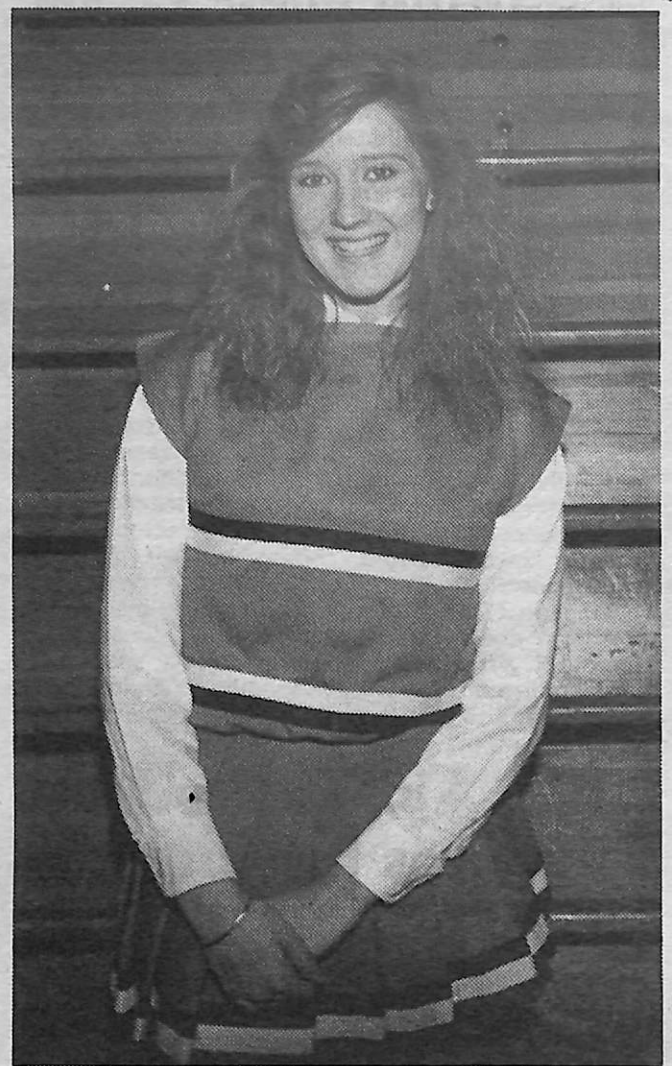
AHS Cheerleaders Winners At Competition

On Sunday, March 16th, the Agawam High varsity cheerleaders attended the Webster-Beaver Third Annual Cheerleading Tournament, held at Clark University, Worcester.

Under the direction of Miss Lisa Ghedi, the squad placed in overall competition and received the coveted

special award for "Super Spirit"...awarded to a squad whose pep and enthusiasm is bursting and highly contagious.

An additional award was given to cheerleader Ramona LeClair for outstanding cheerleading.



SENIOR CHEERLEADER MONA LECLAIR was given an award for outstanding cheerleading at the Clark University competition. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



JUNIOR HIGH CHEERLEADERS, from left - Kim Galarneau "Miss Cheerleader,"; Sarah White, "Outstanding Cheerleader,"; and Terri Cimaroli, "Outstanding Cheerleader,"; further distinguished themselves at the Clark University competition.

Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Junior High Cheerleaders Excell

The Agawam Junior High School Cheerleaders ended its season in a big way last week. All those hours of practice and months of cheering paid off when these 16 determined young ladies traveled to Clark University, Worcester, to compete in a cheerleading tournament against teams from across the state, and from neighboring states as well.

Each squad in the cheer competition was required to create a three to five minute cheer routine.

This routine was performed on half a basketball court, and must demonstrate precision, personality, originality, difficulty, and be a crowd-pleaser. The routine must also include gymnastics, jumps, partner stunts, and mounts.

This was quite a challenge to the freshman cheerleaders as most of them have only been cheering since September, and the six captains have only another year's experience. Competing was a culmination and com-

bination of the year's experience.

The second half of the competition was a three to five minute dance routine, performed under the same conditions as the cheer routine. In this event, however, the judges really look for crowd approval based on costumes, music, and creativity in the use of cheer motions, gymnastics, stunts, mounts, and jumps, all timed to an eight count.

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JR. HIGH CHEERLEADERS - From P. 29...

According to team coach Frances O'Brien, the cheerleaders performed their complex routines almost without flaw, and with great confidence and excitement. "The girls thrilled their large contingent of supportive fans who had travelled to Worcester by car pool," said Mrs. O'Brien.

The judges must have agreed because they awarded Agawam Junior High School a first place in the cheer competition and a second place in dance.

During the competition, the judges and sponsors were also observing each cheerleader for the "Outstanding Cheerleader Award." This award was given to the girl who possesses natural skills, personality and super spirit. Sarah White and Terri Cimaroli were chosen for this honor.

The "Miss Cheerleader Award" was given to the one girl in the division who exemplifies outstanding skills and personality, striving for the excellence through her performance. Kim Galarneau was selected for this coveted award, being chosen out of 75 other cheerleaders.

This past month was an exciting time for the freshmen cheerleaders, adding a new dimension to their year. After cheering for the football, soccer, and basketball teams, it was personally satisfying to the cheerleaders to test their skills against their peers in competition.

State Aid To Students Increases In Mass.

47,000 Massachusetts students, more than ever before, are getting state scholarships to help them pay for college, according to Senator Linda J. Melconian. There is \$57.5 million in the State Student Aid Budget for the current school year, a \$7.5 million increase over the previous year.

823 students from Senator Melconian's district received state scholarships for the 1985-1986 school year. The total value of these scholarships is \$847,660. The students' awards range from \$400 to \$1,460, depending upon their family resources and their total expenses for college. The money can be used to attend state and independent colleges and universities.

Despite the increase in the State Student Aid Budget, however, funds still fell short for the number of applications from students with real financial need, according to Senator Melconian.

For example, 1,354 students from Senator Melconian's district applied for a state scholarship for the current year.

Legislators are considering a bill now that would add \$25 million to the State Student Aid Budget, which could mean help for as many as 20,000 more Massachusetts students who want to go to college.

Senator Melconian urges students to contact their high school guidance counselors or local college financial aid officers for more information about how and when to apply for a state scholarship. Students also can call or visit the Higher Education Information Center in Boston for information about all types of financial aid, including the federal programs. The center is located in the Boston Public Library, Copley Square.

The toll free number is (800) 442-1171 or (617) 536-0200. The center provides college admissions and financial aid information and application forms.

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MEMBERS OF THE AGAWAM JUNIOR HIGH CHEERLEADERS, back row, from left - Megan McDade, Jennifer Robinson, Kim Hebert, Jackie Cappuccilli, Barbara Murphy, Karen Runshaw, Tonya Day, Sarah White, Tammie Orlando, and Karen Blair. Front row - Carolyn Belniak, Heather Dupont, Amy Barber, Terri Cimaroli, Kim Galarneau, and Kristy Wage. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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Local Illustrator Speaks At Granger School

by Alexis Ferioli
School Department Editor

With Easter just around the corner, one would not expect witches, black cats, and ghosts to occupy the thoughts of kindergarten students at Granger School.

However, these Halloween symbols were brought to the attention of pupils of Georgene Knight and Ann Favreau as both classrooms were visited by local author/illustrator Pamela Anzalotti, who previewed her latest publication *Brewella's Halloween Party Handbook*.

Mrs. Anzalotti, whose son is a pupil of Ms. Knight's, spent 60 minutes explaining to the youngsters various types of art forms, as well as materials artists use to create their illustrations.

Among the art forms discussed were greeting cards, cartoons, fashion and car designs, sculptures, and paintings.

A former college textbook illustrator, Mrs. Anzalotti not only displayed several of her past works, but also original poems which she had written and illustrated for a friend's children.

As a special highlight of her visit, the kindergarten students were asked to help recount the story of *Little Red Riding Hood*, while she drew a scene from the fairy tale.

Mrs. Anzalotti concluded her visit by impressing upon the youngsters that, "Anyone can be an artist as long as they are willing to practice drawing something they like every day."

A resident of Feeding Hills, the local artist relates that she has spent three years compiling her new 64-page book.

Although *Brewella's Halloween Party Handbook* is her first children's book, she says that she prefers writing children's literature, which she can easily relate to as a mother.

Mrs. Anzalotti points out that she began her artist career when she was 20 years-old (as a result of boredom at her job).

"I was usually so bored at work that I occupied myself by doddling. It seems once I started doddling, I couldn't stop," she remarks.

A fine artist for 12 years, she has spent the past five years as an illustrator, which she claims to prefer.

A former student of the School of Visual Arts in New York City, Mrs. Anzalotti states that her mother influenced her literary style most, while her uncle, an artist, taught her how to draw and paint.

However, she notes that her best supporters and critics are her husband, John, and children, Frank, 6, and Sarah, 3.

"I'll write something and then read it to my son for his reaction. His opinions really have helped me a great deal," she comments.

Crediting her innate talent for most of her success, Mrs. Anzalotti not only encourages her children to draw but other youngsters as well.

"Drawing is a great way for children to express themselves. No matter how poorly a child draws, they should be encouraged to continue," she declares.

As a memento of her visit, each kindergarten child received a mimeographed picture of the witch "Brewella," who in poetic form echoes her creator's philosophy:

*"To be an artist, it is true
You need pencils, paper, and magic too!
But my chants, and charms will not do,
The magic you need is the magic in you!"*



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THE WITCH "BREWELLA" was a favorite of students at Granger School, as presented by local illustrator/author Pamela Anzalotti.

AIC To Host Women's International Network

American International College will host a Women's International Network meeting on "Stress At Work: Is Your Job Making You Sick?" Monday, April 14th. This informative discussion will be held from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m., in the Schwartz Campus Center Auditorium.

Many people experience some form of stress in their jobs. There are several situations that cause different types of stress at work. Physical stress can be caused by bad ventilation, overcrowding, or maybe an unsafe working environment.

Discrimination, tight monitoring, lack of recognition and respect, or shiftwork might cause social stress. Personal stress can be caused by making too many commitments, a poorly planned workload, or interactions with others.

In the April WIN meeting, Myra Hindus will discuss the stress response and some strategies that you can start using immediately to ease the stress at work.

There is a \$4 fee if you pay in advance or a \$5 charge at the door. For more information, contact AIC's Continuing Education and Graduate Studies Department, 737-7000, extension 325.

Camp Rainbow Has Applications Available

Applications are now available for Camp Rainbow, a day camp for special needs children of Agawam. Applications can be picked up at the Agawam Recreation Office from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, or at the special education department at your child's school. The camp will be held at Robinson Park School Monday to Friday beginning Tuesday, July 1st, and ending Thursday, August 14th.

Deadline for submitting applications will be on Friday, June 13th. Please return application to the Agawam Recreation Department, now relocated at the Agawam High School, right rear entrance, follow the signs.

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Arts



GRANT FULLER and BETTIE HALLAN in a scene from the upcoming production of the Encore Players, *Nuts*. The play will open April 10th and be staged through April 19th.



WAYNE ROBERTSTON plays the district attorney and **Sal Marzano** as a psychiatrist in the Encore Players' *"Nuts."* Marzano is an Agawam resident who has been seen many times before with this popular community theatre group.

Encore Players To Present Melodrama *Nuts*

Encore Players will present *Nuts*, a powerful courtroom melodrama set in New York's Bellevue Hospital. The play concerns an incarcerated women's valiant attempt to fight the "powers that be" who want her committed as mentally incompetent to stand trial for manslaughter. Evelyn Holland as Claudia Draper is "nuts," says the state's prosecutor, played by Wayne Robertson.

The drama that unfolds is both fascinating and at times very funny. The play, written by Tom Topor, is directed by Dick Volker, produced by Ellen Rivers, and will play April 10th, 11th, 12th, 18th and 19th. The show starts at 8:00 p.m., at Emmanuel Church, corner of Sumner Avenue and White Street.

The play is for adult audiences.

"Agawam Presents Art" At Public Library

The Agawam Public Library is accepting applications from Agawam artists for display of their work in the library gallery. There is still space available for interested artists.

Exhibits of the selected artists will be displayed in the library gallery every six to eight weeks, concluding with a special showing from each of the artists.

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Historical Museum Sponsors April Religious Lectures

The Connecticut Valley Historical Museum is sponsoring a special series of Sunday afternoon lectures during the month of April. The series will center around four central figures: Edward Taylor, Jonathan Edwards, Emily Dickinson, and Horace Bushnell. Each have contributed to religious changes in the Connecticut Valley. The lectures will take place from 3:00 to 4:00 p.m.

First in the series will be a lecture presented by Dr. Walter L. Powell, whose program entitled "Edward Taylor's Westfield: A Backdoor Glimpse of a Pastor and His Congregation, 1671-1729," will be presented Sunday, April 6th. Dr. Powell, of Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, owns an early Westfield deed proved by John

Pynchon in 1687, which he will also display during the lecture.

This event is part of the Springfield Library and Museums Association's on-going celebration of the city of Springfield's 350th anniversary. For information on other 350th events, call 739-3871.

The Connecticut Valley Historical Museum is supported in part by grants from the Springfield Arts Lottery, the Massachusetts Council on the Arts and Humanities, and the Institute of Museum Services.

The historical museum is located on the Quadrangle, at the corner of State and Chestnut Streets in downtown Springfield, and is a member of the Springfield Library and Museums Association.

East Longmeadow Theatre To Present *Guys & Dolls*

The East Longmeadow Community Theatre will be presenting its spring production of *Guys and Dolls*, April 11th, 12th, 18th and 19th, at 8:00 p.m. at Birchland Park School, Hanward Hill, East Longmeadow.

Admission is \$5; students and senior citizens, \$4. All

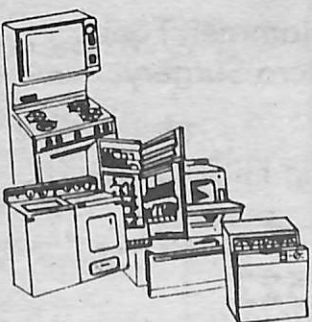
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The Frank Loesser musical is directed by Jerry Rubin and cast members include Scott McKean and Holly Jo Pearson, Frank Rudolph, and Virginia Morgan.



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Agawam Library Hosts Pinocchio Puppets

Agawam Public Library will celebrate National Library Week with a performance of the classic *Pinocchio* by the professional troupe Puppets Unlimited. Free tickets will go to local families on a first come first served basis, and may be reserved by calling the library, 781-1550.

Puppets Unlimited will present *Pinocchio*, adapted from Carlo Collodi's famous book. The story is faithfully recreated with large hand-and-rod puppets, actors in costumes and masks, a variety of colorful and changing scenes, lighting effects, and classical music accompaniment.

One of the best known children's stories of all times, *Pinocchio* is the story of the mischievous little puppet who longs to be a real boy. This affectionate version follows the misadventures of Pinocchio as he is carved out of an enchanted piece of wood by Geppetto; instructed on how to be a good boy by the Talking Cricket; befriended by a troupe of puppets; robbed and cheated by the evil Fox and Cat; helped by the kindly Blue Fairy; and through a host of other misadventures until he finally becomes a real little boy.

Of course, whenever he tells a lie, his nose becomes incredibly long.

Puppets Unlimited is considered one of the finest puppet theatre companies on the East Coast. They have received awards and recognition from the Puppeteers of America, the New England Foundation for the Arts, the New England Theatre Conference Children's Theatre Division, the New England Puppetry Series, and the Connecticut Commission on the Arts.

Puppets Unlimited brings years of dedication to this wonderfully creative form of theatre. They have written the script, built the puppets, created the scenery and constructed a 12-foot high set for this production. A performance by Puppets Unlimited is not only great entertainment, but also a demonstration of expertise in puppet theatre.

Agawam Arts & Humanities News, Activities

The Agawam Arts & Humanities Council reminds residents that those townspeople interested in applying for grants through the council must have their applications in by April 1st.

Applications may be picked up at Town Hall or at the Agawam Public Library.

The council's "First Friday Series" will continue, Friday, April 4th, at 7:30 p.m., at the Agawam Congregational Church, when Donald D'Amato will speak on "Indians of the Connecticut Valley."

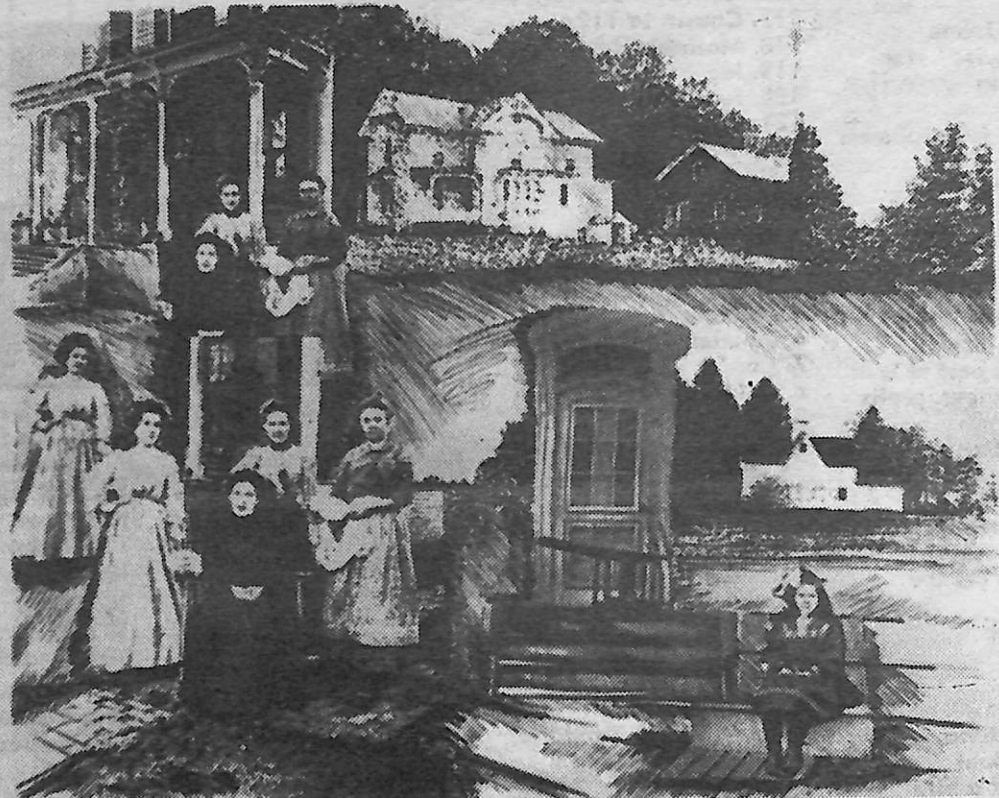
Reservations for the council's trip to see Irma La Deuce at Goodspeed Opera House April 20th must be in by April 10th. The bus will leave the Agawam High School at 3:00 p.m.

Bus transportation is provided by the Agawam Arts & Humanities Council at no charge. Seniors citizens may attend the opera for \$16.50. Call 786-5304. All other tickets are \$22.50 each. Call 786-9084 or 786-7086.



PINOCCHIO & GEPPETTO, puppets from "*Pinocchio*" by Puppets Unlimited, will be appearing at the Agawam Public Library, Wednesday, April 9th, at 6:30 p.m.

Old Print Display At StageWest Gallery



PAT CONANT, an art professor at Westfield State College, is presently displaying her prints at the StageWest Gallery, Columbus Avenue, Springfield.



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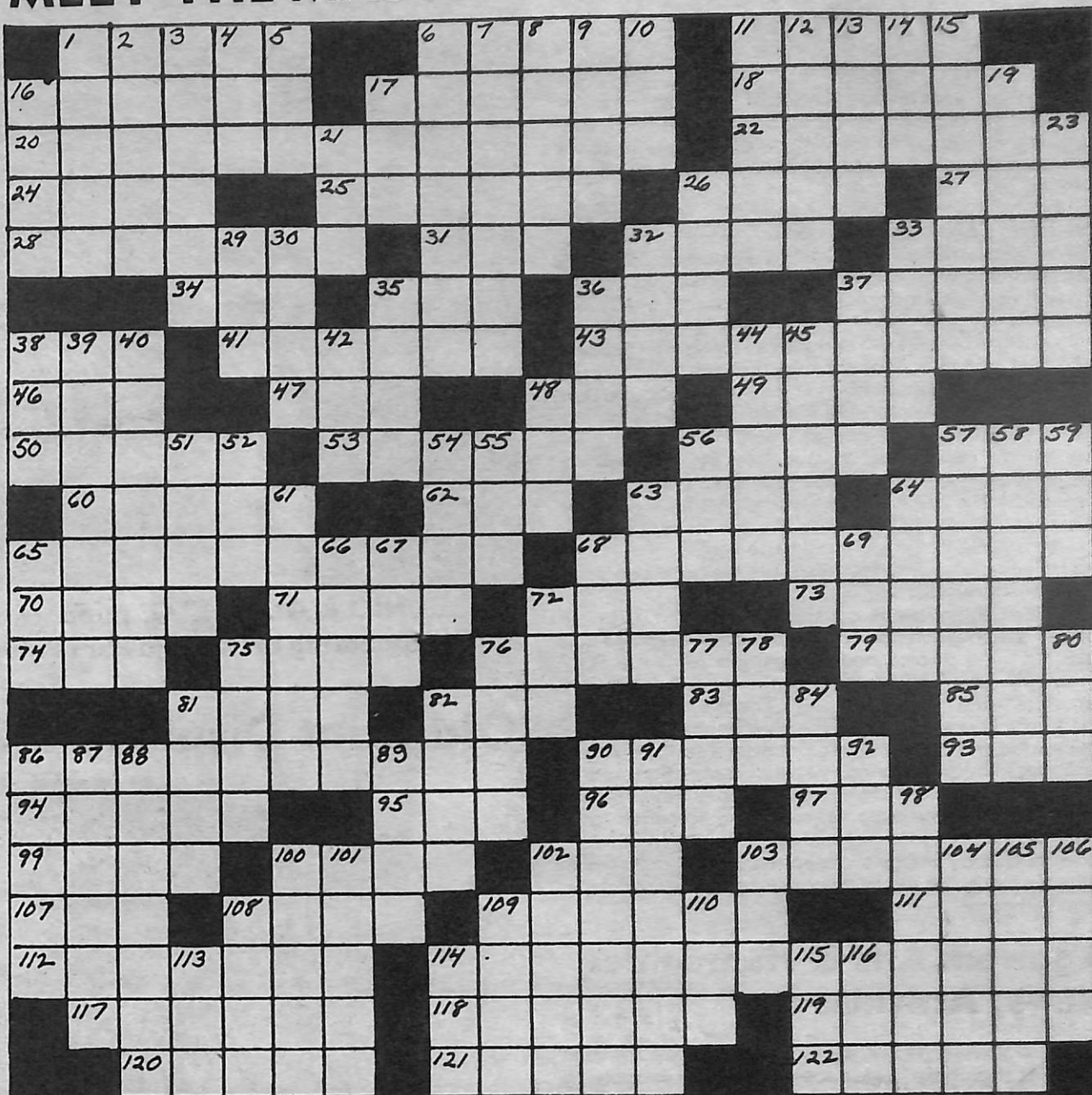
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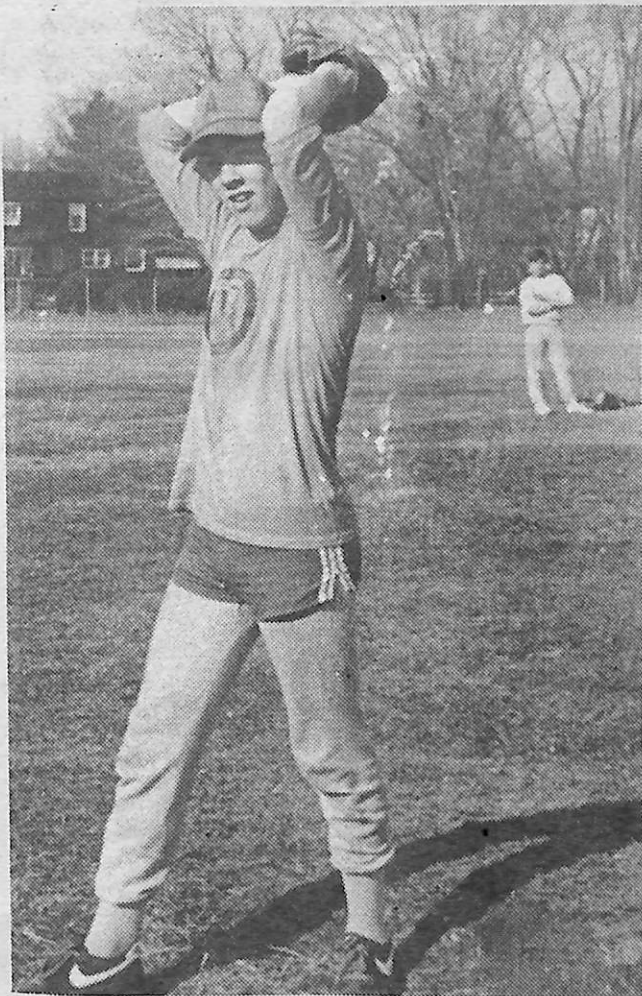


AGAWAM HIGH GIRLS' tennis players Kris Bodurtha and Kristin Augusti work-out at Harmon Smith Field, Tuesday, March 25th. The weather was near 60 degrees, although the wind was howling, making it tough to play. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



HITTING GROUND BALLS TO THE INFIELD of the Agawam High junior varsity baseball team is Al Boucher. The practice was being held at Phelps Field.

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PRACTICING HIS MOTION is junior varsity pitcher Jim Connery. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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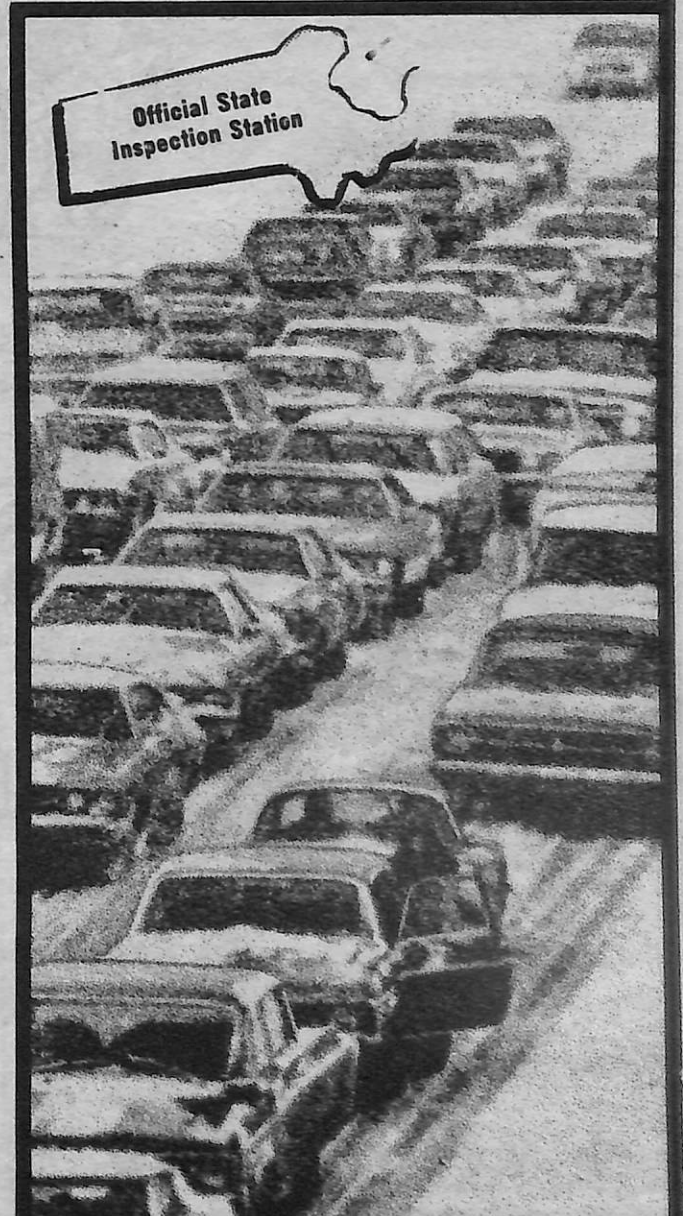
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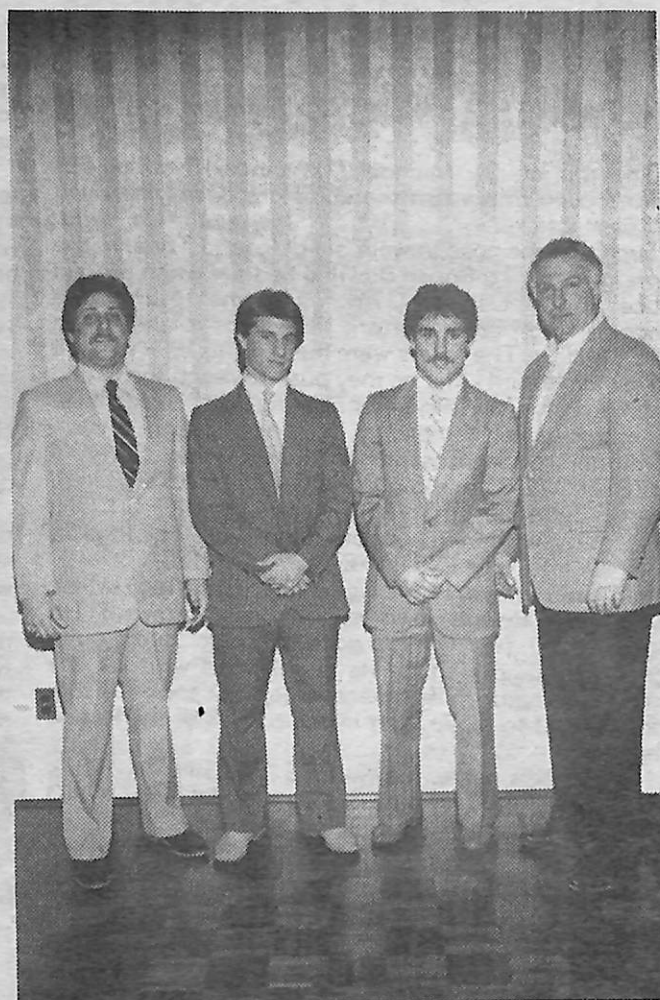
Agawam High School Hockey Banquet Fetes Seniors



MEMBERS OF THE AHS Varsity Hockey Team. Back row, from left Karen Killian, Darrin Hill, Bob Coelln, Steve Silva, John Kovalsky, Tony Young, David Laudato, Jim Laudato, Paul Karen and Rich Lavalette. Front row - Chris Shea, Bob Barbarini, Pete Sibilia, Larry Bouchard, Paul Morris, and Rich Parolo. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



SENIOR MEMBERS OF THE AGAWAM HIGH SCHOOL VARSITY HOCKEY TEAM: Back row, from left - Bob Coelln, Robert James, Darrin Hill, Chris Shea, and Bob Barbarini. Front row - John Kovalsky, Bob Mesick, Peter Sibilia, Paul Morris, and Rick Mesick.



COACHES AND CAPTAINS: JV hockey coach Jerry Sibilia, varsity captains Bob Barbarini and Peter Sibilia, and varsity coach Len Bruso.

Agawam Revolver Club Sets Basic Pistol Safety Course

The Agawam Revolver Club is offering a National Rifle Association certified Basic Pistol Safety and Marksmanship Course. The course will be offered on April 12th, and for the next three consecutive Saturdays from 12:30 until 3:30 p.m. Attendance at all four classes is mandatory.

Students will be introduced to competitive shooting in formal practice sessions and learn the basic skills needed to compete in local, regional, and national matches.

Instructors, who are certified by the NRA, provide lectures and demonstrations of the fundamentals of accuracy and thoroughly cover safety in the home at the range and in the field. Class size is limited to 24 people.

The class is open to any serious person who wishes to learn safe firearms handling. Youths under 18 years of age must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

Cost of the course is \$30. The cost covers study material, ammunition, instruction. Students are asked not to bring their own firearms to the first class. Students are not required to have a pistol permit or their own firearms as they will be provided.

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BC Closes Gap On St. Mike's With Big Bowling Victory

The rap on St. Michael (1st place-18 wins) has always been that when the chips are down, they will fall even quicker.

Such was the case in week six of Round Three in the Monday night Tri-Parish Bowling League when second place Boston College (17½ wins), the Round One kingpins, took an important three-wins-to-one-match vs. St. Mike's. The losers were hurt by this as it may be a big momentum killer as they push to reach the Grand Championships in May after starting out Round Three like gangbusters.

Winners for Boston College were SANDY PRZESZLO (291) and Big Bad BOBBY MOCCIO (361). Moccio did a job on St. Mike's captain MIKE O'CONNELL (322), who tried hard but to no avail. The lone St. Mike's winner was PAULINE DEPALO (285).

In a major move, Notre Dame (3rd place-16½ wins), swept past Round Two winner Georgetown (11th place-8 wins), four wins to none. G-Town seems quite content to simply sit on its laurels and wait for the Grand Championships...meanwhile, ND took full advantage of it to move right into the thick of the Round Three race.

ND winners were many. PEG TASSINARI (287), RENEE JURY (331), and captain JOHN RESCIGNO (344), who had a major league night. Rescigno stopped AL "The Fearsome One" Moccio, who had a good night himself (333). The only G-Town winner was JOHN MLINIK (279). Moccio wasn't very concerned - "We're just practicing for the playoffs," he said. We'll see.

St. Anselm (4th place-14 wins) took three games from Fordham (6th place-13 wins) to stay close enough to challenge for the top spot. St. A's were led by KATHY PRZESZLO (302) and that famous bruise of the lanes, RAY BARBIERI (301). In a terrible match-up between the captains, Fordham's ANN O'CONNELL prevented a sweep when she defeated a despondent VI MASSOIA, 271-257.

St. Louis moved into better standings with a three wins to one night over Holy Cross (10th place-9 wins). St. Lou (5th place-13 wins) still have an outside shot at winning this round, while HC can kiss this season goodbye. Still, HC can no longer be labeled as the league doormats.

St. Lou winners were STELLA BARBIERI (302), substitute JOHN O'CONNELL (344-what a fine night), and FELIX PEPPER (281). In this match, old Felix out-dueled his wife, DANA, in a head-to-head confrontation. Dana rolled a 273. "I wanted to take it easy on her," boasted Felix. Yeah. Sure. In the battle of the captains, HC captain STU STORK hit a 320 while DEBBIE POIRIER, the St. Lou captain, who was very much disgusted with her score of 302.

Cellar-dweller Loyola (4 wins) fought 7th place St. Mary (11½ wins) to a standstill, two wins each. St. Mary winners were STEVE DEVANEY (271-just barely defeated MAYBETH "Miss Consistent" COUGHLIN, 270), AUDREY PHILLIPS (286), and captain FRED MORASSI (341), who is just back from Florida. Loyola captain ED ANDERSON finally had a good night with a 330. The other Loyola winner was SHARON ROVITHIS.

And finally, Villanova (8th place-10 wins) met-up with the former league doormats, Catholic University (9th place-9½ wins), in a decent match. Villanova winners were substitute BRENDA HAMEL (286), FRANK "The Lordly Barber" RESCIGNO (304), and STEVE ROVITHIS, who fired a nifty 357 at CU captain JIM SNYDER (317). Snyder is still having a good round and it shows in his team's improvement. Starring for CU was Snyder's mother, VENETTA SNYDER, who had an excellent score of 316.

Villanova, however, can also kiss this season goodbye as they never did recover from the devastation of losing Round One to Boston College. As for the Lordly Barber Rescigno, we suggest he get a stronger pair of glasses so he can see the pins better!

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Town's Summer Day Camp To Open June 30

Director of Parks & Recreation Jack Kunasek has announced that the summer day camp for Agawam youths only will open Monday, June 30th, and operate for seven weeks, closing Friday, August 15th, at 12:00 noon.

Camp will operate Monday to Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. each day, but will not open Friday, July 4th. All campers will bring their lunch, although there will be a Good Humor truck at the site during lunch break.

The day camp replaced the playground system three years ago and has been a complete success. The day-long program will again be based at Shea's Field and the nearby state-maintained swimming pool.

The camp will offer a full slate of daily activities, including tennis instruction, arts and crafts, active and passive games, and instructional sports. Field trips will also be conducted weekly.

Inclement weather days are built into the summer program. If at 8:00 a.m. we are receiving unchanging steady rain, there will be no camp for that total day. It will be announced on radio station WMAS by 8:15 a.m.

If during the day we receive summer showers, we will remain open. If heavy rain continues, the children who take the bus will be bussed home without notice, others must be picked up. If still in doubt, call the recreation office. Rain days are not re-scheduled.

This program is not a built-in babysitting service. If

an unforeseen problem arises, campers will be sent home immediately!

A limit of 200 campers per week between the ages of 6½ - 15 will be accepted. The seven-week program will cost \$75 with transportation and \$50 without. The three-week program will be \$50 with transportation and \$30 without. The two week program will cost \$35 with transportation and \$20 without.

Busses will run along the main routes in town for those who wish transportation. Stops will be designated at a later date and printed in this local paper the same as the school bus schedule.

Registration forms will be available in the Parks & Recreation Office beginning Monday, April 28th to Friday, May 30th, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. There will be a \$10 reduction for every child after the first registered per family. The camp fee is payable at registration and is non-refundable and non-transferable.

If your child is suspended from camp for disciplinary reasons, camp fee is still non-refundable. You will receive prior notice of a problem.

The Parks & Recreation Office has been relocated to the rear wing of the Agawam High School, right driveway, rear entrance, follow the signs.

Mawaga Sporting Club Calendar Of Events

April 8th: Monthly meeting. Dinner starts at 6:30 p.m., and business meeting follows at 7:30 p.m.

April 11th: Annual Banquet. Bar opens at 5:00 p.m. Social hour from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. Dinner, door prizes,

raffle, etc., beginning at 7:00 p.m.

April 12th: Pond Stocking.

April 13th: Fishing Derby. Breakfast starts at 7:00 a.m. Fishing Derby commences at 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

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Riverside Introduces New "Tri Star" Ride

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Hold onto your hats, because Riverside is adding the wildest, dizziest and most "out of this world" ride. The "Tri Star," imported from Germany, is named for its three wheels and bright lights shaping a tri star. The ride will replace the "Wildcat" in the south end area of the park.

The new ride begins at ground level, but not for long. After all the seats are filled with anticipating riders, the

star shaped "wheels" of the gondolas connected to a large cylinder begins to spin the screaming darers into a circle while lifting them to a 45 degree angle.

And just when you thought you caught your breath, the ride ascends into a 90 degree angle, reaching a point of 56 feet before descending back to its original position.

Riverside will debut the new "Tri Star" for the start of the 1986 season which begins Saturday, March 29th. This new addition will complement the existing assortment of exciting rides, shows and attractions at Riverside Park.

Remembering When... 1973 Frosh Grid Team Goes Undeclared

PUBLISHER'S NOTE: Feeding Hills resident Phil Vecchiarelli, Sr., brought in this article from his scrapbook as a fond remembrance of the 1973 freshman football team, coached by Gus Young and Wayne Morse.

The Agawam Junior High freshman football team recently closed out its undefeated and untied season by defeating Chicopee Comp, 40-12.

The frosh had not been scored on through the first five games. They scored 134 points while allowing the opposition just 24 points in eight games.

The "Little Brownies" sported a well-balanced offense as 10 boys shared the scoring honors. The leading ball carrier on the club was Dom Pisano, who also led the squad in scoring with five touchdowns.

Sharing in the ball carrying duties with Pisano were Joe Norman, John Tinnemeyer, Jim Couture, Kurt Fields, Danny D'Alma, Bob Beaudette, and quarterback John Girard.

All of these boys, as well as ends Jeff Nelson and Ralph Myers shared in the scoring. Leading the way on the line were guards Tony Mason and Tom Longhi, tackles Jim Shaer and Jim Lancour, and center Phil Vecchiarelli.

Regulars on the strong defensive team included Myers, Shaer, Vecchiarelli, Mason, Pisano, Peter Bonavita, Bob Beaudette, Gary Buynicki, Michael LeBlanc, Paul Rescigno, and Myron Littlehale.

Coach Gus Young and assistant coach Wayne Morse both agree that this team will provide several fine prospects for the 1974 Agawam High varsity. They feel that this team was characterized by their "never quit attitude."

Above all else, said Young, was the boys' exceptional team effort. "They learned to like each other and pull together, resulting in a winning combination," he concluded.

PUBLISHER'S NOTE: We think that Mr. Vecchiarelli's idea is such a good one, we will happily take articles of years past in locals sports, much in the same vein as above, to complement our popular series, "Where Are They Now.???"

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Riverside Speedway Opens Saturday Night

Night number two in the Nascar Winston Racing Series will be the first race for the Pro Stock Division at Riverside Park Speedway. The newly-renovated Riverside will have already featured its first event, Budweiser's Eagle Snacks 100, Saturday, March 29th. Still, this event will be special with major sponsorship coming from New England's largest Subaru dealer, Century Subaru, Manchester/Vernon, Connecticut. The "Wizard of Deals" will offer a \$1,000 cash bonus program to be distributed to both competing Nascar divisions at the new Riverside.

Featured in the Saturday, April 5th event, will be the Nascar Modifieds with top name drivers like John Rosati, Ray Mill, Stan Greger, Ted Riggott, Reggie Ruggiero, Dan Avery, Mike McLaughlin, Bruce D'Allesandro, Bob Polverari, S.J. Evonsion, and Wade Cole. Riverside will also feature a new policy by starting an additional two cars in every Modified event.

Modifieds are scheduled to run a 50-lap feature paying \$1,100 for first, \$800 for second, \$600 for third, \$500 for fourth, and \$450 for fifth. Any car starting the feature will receive \$150. Heats and consis will pay bonus cash from Century Subaru.

Pro Stocks will be the premiere division featured in their first event for 1986. The distance for these sleek exotic machines will be 25 laps of thrilling full-bodied action. Drivers expected will include Jim McCallum, Ron Beckman, Roger Godin, Tom Rosati, Fran Colson, Jerry Marquis, Rick Turcotte, John Bergenty, Paul Suprenant, Bill Lauridsen, and Pete Fiandaca.

First will pay \$600; second, \$400; third, \$300; fourth, \$220; and fifth, \$195. Any car starting the feature is guaranteed at least \$70. Again, as a new 1986 policy, Riverside will start two extra cars.

Owners and drivers that are members of the club with photo IDs are free. Pit fees are \$6 for Nascar members. General admission pricing is just \$6.95 for adults and 95 cents for children 8 years and under. Gates open at 5:00 p.m., and racing begins at 7:00 p.m.



SPORTSMAN'S CORNER

by Bill Chiba

All About Land Use

With one of every two adult Americans participating in some type of recreation, the loss of land use by the posting of "No Trespassing" signs appearing more frequently every year is alarming.

We in Massachusetts are very much concerned, and now outdoor enthusiasts in Vermont are attempting to do something about it. A group of outdoor people are offering the hunting, fishing, trapping, snowmobiling, skiing, wildlife watchers, and other outdoor fraternities a chance to fight the closing of recreation areas.

The concerned group in Vermont has adopted The Sporting Lands Trust, Inc., which is a non-profit, national member supported corporation with several main objectives: To aid private and public land acquisitions that will remain "Free Forever," unposted against trespass, for the use of those engaged in legal outdoor pursuits.

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Lands acquired by the trust will have a rider (covenant) placed on deeds prohibiting restrictions against legal outdoor activities. The seller, because the lands are sold to the trust, can claim a charitable contribution which is tax-deductible. These lands are then resold to individuals and public agencies.

The annual membership is \$20. \$2 of the annual membership dues will be used for the quarterly newsletter mailed to all members. Memberships should be mailed to: The Sporting Lands Trust, Inc., RD 2, Box 627, Poultney, Vermont, 05764.

The Massachusetts Sportsman's Guide is off the press and available at local outlets. This year it is better than ever. Besides updating stocking lists, fresh and

salt water boat ramps, fresh water weighing stations, and maps of popular lakes and streams that have made the Guide a standby for the last four years, this year's issue contains a complete set of match schedules for silhouette, black powder, high power rifle, centerfire pistol, smallbore, and field archery.

Hunters will also appreciate the updated lists of community hunting restrictions and deer check stations, the sunrise and sunset tables, and turkey regulations.

The Sportsman's Guide can be pick-up for a buck from the following outlets: Barb's Bait Shop, Southwick; BG Sporting, Woronoco; Franchell's, West Springfield; Pioneer Sporting Goods, Northampton; and the Valley Tackle & Marine, Springfield.

The meetings of the fishing fraternity every morning at McDonald's in Agawam are about to come to an end with the coming of the good fishing weather.

Noted fly-tying expert **Ed Goyette**, has come up with the necessary material to construct Sarha's Charm streamer fly. The demand for the fly is heavy and Ed is kept busy making them. Now, the only thing left is for them to catch fish.

Sam Provo is producing his fish catching nymphs. The salt and pepper version is much in demand. **Dom Tangredi** has filled his fly box with cardinals and is straining to get on Littleville for those hefty trout that the Massachusetts Division is boasting stock. **Zab Feriole** just returned from Florida and is anxiously waiting for word from Dom. They are fishing partners.

Soapy Balboni and **Gene Poggie** are planning on hitting Lake Ontario this year. The past few years they have been taking some respectable salmon out of Lake George, New York. The excitement is building. You can feel the tension in the air when you walk in on the group.

In years past, the stories of fishing would be told at the general store around the pot belly stove. Now the same stories are being aired among the odors of hamburgers and fresh coffee.

Nevertheless, the enthusiasm of wetting a line remains the same. The span of years from the first fish caught to the present time does not dim the thrill of feeling a fish throbbing on the end of the line.

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1977: Bob Polverari, West Springfield
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Springfield Police Take Midtown Bowling Title

Springfield Police Association captured the special rolloff for the third round title in the Midtown Pro League, posting a 1,447 total to defeat Tiffany's (1,380) and Valenti's Restaurant of Agawam (1,378).

Peter Smus (387) and Bill O'Brien (403) were high scorers for the police association, and were helped along by Dom Devivo (327) and Frank Tangredi (331). John Stefanik rolled a 391 series for Tiffany's.

The highlight of the evening came in the second game when Chuck Catter of Valenti's Restaurant rolled a 195 game, which included four consecutive strikes. Chuck finished with a nifty 431 series.

In regular matches, The Rollaway Rink of Agawam won two-of-three points from Valenti's Restaurant behind Guy Boccasile's 153-405. Paul Santaniello rolled 153-411 for Valenti's.

Stan Gonet's 364 led Jack & Harry's Garage of Feeding Hills past Murphy's Pop Stop, 2-1.

Midtown won two from the Polish American Club of Agawam, with Charlie Jutras and John Patenude rolling 371 and 363, respectively.

Springfield Police Association won two points from Tiffany's. Peter Smus rolled 377 to lead the police association.

Other high scorers for the evening included: George Lecuyer, 153-395; Rollie Lebeau, 373; Dick Smus, 362; Joe Limotti, 358; Al Johnson, 357; John Stefanik, 356; Ray Burroughs, 356; Bill O'Brien, 356; Alan Larivee, 355; and Rory Santaniello, 352.

With four weeks left in the season, Bill O'Brien has high average in the Open Class with a 122.67. Dick Smus is second with 121.60 and Charlie Hill is next at 119.44. Charlie Jutras has the high single of 175 and Dick Smus has high triple (453).

In Class AA, George Lecuyer's 117.35 is first; John Patenude, second, 112.25; and Chuck Catter, third, 111.44. Stan Gonet has high single (165) and best series (404).

In Class A, Joe Limotti leads Dick Larned, 110.27 to 110.20, while Frank Tangredi is third at 109.29. Dan Riordan's 166 is high single while Frank Tangredi's 383 is best series.

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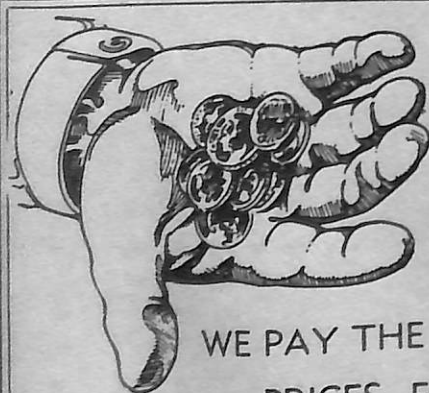


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